THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Wednesday, colder on the coast; Thursday cloudy, probably followed by rain by night; moderate variable winds.

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ENDORSE WILSON'S VIEW ON SHIPPING

All Foreign Trans-Atlantic Companies Make Statement.

AWAIT CONFERENCE ACTION

No Law to be Passed in This Country Regarding Seamanship Until International Conference Has Made Report.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement issued tonight in behalf of a committee which represents practically every foreign trans-Atlantic steamship line, by Paul Gottheil, the chairman, supports Presidents Wilson's suggestion that legislation regulating the status of seamen and allied subjects should be deferred until the result of the International Conference of Safety at Sea ,which has been in progress in London, is known. It is held that the bill pending in Congress would fail to accomplish its purpose of increasing the safety of ocean travel. The measure already has passed the Senate.

The statement points out that there should be uniformity in the maritime laws of all nations and that for this reason it would be well to wait for the recommendations to be made by the international confeernce. It is declared that the bill now before Congress is impracticable in some of its provisions and cumbersome in others. As an example the compulsory assignment of passengers to certain places in particular life boats is cited.

Exception also is taken to the provision forcing companies to provide two sailors from each life boat.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

Of Graft Charges Against Politicians in New York City.

New York, Dec. 23.—The grand jury heard further testimony today in connection with charges that a certain politician attempted to extort money from Anthony C. Douglass, a bidder for work on the construction of the Croton aqueduct. Testimony against the politician also was given in another case before the jury in which he is accused of soliciting a bribe from a State highway contracter.

The jury did not finish hearing all the evidence and adjourned until next Tuesday to hear other witnesses. Charles N. Chadwick, and John Galvin, members of the board of water supply of New York city, which had charge of letting the aqueduct contracts; Charles P. Dillon, a deputy commissioner of highways, and a newspaper man were examined today

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Fayetteville Negro Peppered With Bird Shot.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—John Cox, colored stoker for the Fayetteville Gas & Electric Company, was shot, but not seriously wounded by an unknown assailant while standing near a gas tank at his place of employment Sunday night. The would-be assassin was standing in a marsh nearby when he fired the shot, and made his escape without detection. The gun was loaded with bird shot, a few of which entered Cox's neck.

LOCAL BANKS LEAD

Murchison and American, of Wilmington, First.

To Apply for Charters Under New Law—All N. C. Congressmen and Senators Pay Tribute to Colonel Taylor.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The American National Bank and the Murchison National Bank, both of Wilmington, and the National Bank of Granville, Oxford, were the first National banks to apply for charters to enter the banking business under the new currency law which became a law tonight.

High Tribute to Col. Taylor.

An unusually high tribute was paid to Col. Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, today when a letter was sent to President Wilson signed by both Senators Simmons and Overman, and every member of the State delegation in the House urging the President to name the popular Wilmingtonian as collector of customs for the port of Wilmington. The letter says:

"We, the undersigned members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress, respectfully recommend for the position of collector of customs for the port of Wilmington, Col. Walker Taylor. There is no finer character or better qualified man for this position in all North Carolina in our judgment."

It is expected that Col. Taylor will be named the early part of January. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo expects to have the resignation of Collector Keith in his hands before Congress reassembles after the holidays and he will immediately name Col. Taylor to succeed the present incumbent.

John Thomas, of Newbern, and Alfred M. McLean, of Lillington, have been appointed field deputies under the income tax law and Frank Hampton, of Rocky Mount, has been named an inspector in the same department.

Representative Godwin left for home tonight to spend the holidays with his family. P. R. A.

CONSTITUTION OF PEACE ADVOCATED BY WILSON

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Desires to Take Counsel With the Business Men of the Country, and Characterized the Latter's Efforts to Meet Advances is "The Constitution of Peace."

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson signed the Glass-Owen currency bill at 6:01 o'clock tonight in the presence of members of his cabinet, the Congressional committee on banking asd currency and Democratic leaders in Congress generally.

With a few strokes of the pen the President converted into law the measure to be known as the Federal reserve act, re-organizing the nation's banking and curresncy system and furnishing, in the words of the President, "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

Enthusiastic applause ran through the ceremony not only as the President affixed his signature, but as he delivered an extemporaneous spech characterizing the desire of the administration to take common counsel with the business men of the country and th latter's efforts to meet the government's advances as "the constitution of peace."

The event came at the close of a day of rejoicing in the national capital for Congress had recessed for two weeks for the first time since it convened last April. The Democratic leaders were jubilant because they had completed two big pieces of legislation—the tariff and the currency reform—in nine months a performance which they considered unprecedented in the history of the counery.

President Gratified.

"I need not tell you," said the President to the assembled group as he took up his pen, "that I feel a very deep gratification at being able to sign this bill and I feel that I ought to express very heartily the admiration I have for the men who have made it possible for me to sign ehis bill. There have been currents and counter-currents, but the stream has moved forward. I think we owe special admiration to the patience and the leadership and the s.... and the force of the chairmen of the two committees; and behind them have stood the committees themselves exercising a degree of scrutiny and of careful thought in this matter which undoubtedly has redounded to the benefit of the bill itself.

"Then there has grown, as we have advanced with this business and the great piece of business which preceded it, evidences of team work that to my mind have been very notable indeed.

"Only constructive action, only the action which accomplished something, fills men with the enthusiasm with cooperation asd I think at this session of Congress, we have witnessed an accumulating pleasure and enthusiasm on the part of the membership of both Houses in seeing substantial and lasting things accomplished.

"It is a matter of real gratification to me that in the case of this bill, there should have been so considerable a number of Republican votes cast for it. All great measures under our system of government are of necessity party measures, for the party of the majority is responsible for their origination and their passage; but this cannot be called a partisan measure. It has been relieved of all intimation of that sort by the cordial co-operation of men on the other side of the two Houses who have acted with us and have given very substantial reasons and very intelligent reasons for acting with us. So that I think that we can go home with the feeling that we are in better spirits for public service than we were even when we convened in April.

First of a Series.

"As for the bill itself, I feel that we can say that it is the first of a series of constructive measures by which the Democratic party will show that it knows how to serve the country.

"In calling it the first of a series of constructive measures, I need not say that I am not casting any reflections on the great tariff bill which preceded it. The tariff bill was meant to remove those impediments to American industry and prosperity which had so long stood in their way. It was a great piece of preparation for the achievements of American commerce and American industry which are certain to follow. Then there came upon the heel of it this bill which furnishes the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years.

"I was refreshing my memory on the passage of the national bank act which came in two pieces, as you know in February, 1863 and in June, 1864, it is just fifty years ago since that measure suitable for that time was passed, and it has taken us more than a generation and a half to come to an understanding as to the re-adjustments, which were necessary for our own time. But we have reached those re-adjustments. I, myself, have always felt, when the Democratic party was criticised as not knowing how to serve the business interests of the country that there was no use of reply to that in words. The only satisfactory reply was in action. We have written the first chapter of that reply.

Party Greatly Favored.

"We are greatly favored by the circumstances of our times. We come at the end of a day of contest, at the end of a day when we have been scrutinizing the processes of our business. scrutinizing them with critical and sometimes with hostile eye. We have slowly been coming to this time, which has now, happily arrived when ther is a common recognition of the things that it is undesirable should be done in business and the things that it is desirable should be done. What we are proceeding to do now is to organize our peace, is to make our prosperity not only stable but free to have an unimpeded momentum. It is so obvious that it ought not need to be stated that nothing can be good for the country which is not good for all of the country. Nothing can be for the interest of the country which is not in the interest of everybody, so therefore, the day of accommodation and of concession and of common understanding is the day of peace and achievement of necessity. We have come to the beginning of that day. Men are no longer resisting the conclusions which the nation has arrived at as to the necessity of re-adjustcents of its business. Business men of all sorts are showing their willingness to come into this arrangement which I venture to characterize as the constitution of peace. So that by common counsel and by the accumulating force of co-operation we are going to seek more and more to serve the country.

Surprised at Acceptance.

"I have been surprised at the sudden acceptance of this measure by public opinion everywhere. I say surprised because it seems as if it had suddenly become obvious to men who had looked at it with too critical an eye that it was really meant in their interest. They have opened their eyes to see a thing which they had supposed to be hostile, to find it to be friendly and serviceable exactly what we intended it to be and what we shall intend all our legislation to be. The men who have fought for this measure have fought nobody. They have simply fought for those accommodations which are going to secure us in prosperity and in peace. Nobody can be the friend of any class in America in the sense of being the enemy of any other class. You can only be the friend of one class by showing it the lines by which it can accommodate itself to the other class. The lines of help are always the lines of accommodation.

"It is in this spirit, therefore, that we rejoice together tonight and I cannot say with what deep emotions of gratitude I feel that I have had a part in completing a work which I think will be of lasting benefit to the business of the country."

The scene at the signing of the measure was not unlike that which attended the completion of the tariff law. The conference report on the bill, which had passed the House last night by an overwhelming vote, was likewise adopted by the Senate during this afternoon by a vote of 43 to 25. Senators Jones, Norris and Weeks, Republicans, and Senator Poindexter, Progressive, voted with the Democrats.

Bill Taken to Wilson.

The engrossed bill, with the signatures of the Vice President and the speaker of the House were finally taken to the White House shortly before 5 o'clock.

By 6 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, Senator Owen and Representative Glass, Secretaries McAdoo, Garrison, Daniels, Lane and Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson were grouped around the President's desk and in front of him had crowded members of Congress and many government officials. The group also included Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, Miss McAdoo and Mrs. Owen.

There was an atmosphere of joyousness rather than of solemnity apparent. The President inquired if Senator James had come. The husky form of the Kentucky Senator appeared from behind the crowd and some one remarked: "A majority of the Senate has now arrived."

Four gold pens were used by the President in writing the bill into law. He wrote the words "23, December, 1913, approved" with one and used three pens in writing "Woodrow Wilson," splitting the first name into two syllables. The last three pens he presented to Senator Owen, Representative Glass and Secretary McAdoo, co-authors of the measure. The President answered the curiosity of the crowd as to the disposition of the fourth with the laughing remark:

"This is the 40 per cent. gold reserve."

President in Happy Humor.

Later it developed that Senator Chilton, of West Virginia, had sent up a gold pen of his own to be used in writing the date of the law. The President was in a happy humor as he slowly wrote his name.

"I'm not accustomed," he said, "to write my name in the series."

"Well, the bill was made in installments," suggested Senator Lewis, of Illinois.

"Isn't that a reflection on the Senate?" inquired Representative Glass, with a laugh.

Senator Lewis' retort was lost in the applause that followed the completion of the President's signature as he rose from his desk.

The President paid tributes to the heads of the two Congressional committees by writing each a letter.

To Representative Glass he wrote: "May I not express my admiration for the way in which you have carried the fight for the currency bill to an extraordinarily successful issue? I hope and believe that the whole country appreciates the work you have done at something like its real value and I rejoice that you have so established yourself in its confidence."

The President wrote Senator Owen: "Now that the fight has come to a successful issue, may I not extend to you my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations and also tell you how sincerely I admire the way in which you have conducted a very difficult and trying piece of business? The whole country owes you a debt of gratitude and admiration. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you in so great a piece of constructive legislation."

Prepares for Holiday.

When the President concluded his speech there was a general reception and a round of handshaking. The President extended the compliments of the season to his visitors. When

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COASTWISE SHIPS FREE FROM TOLLS

Resolution to That Effect Introduced in Congress

TO HAVE FREE USE OF CANAL

Plan is to Relieve Coastal Shipping From Heavy Expense—Will Benefit Small Shippers Along Both Coast.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A jcint resolution to conditionally suspend operation of the provision of the Panama canal act granting free passage to American coastwise vessels was introduced today by Chairman Adamson, of Georgia, of the House Commerce committee.

The suspension would be subject to the following conditions:

At any time after the Panama canal shall have been opened and successfully operated for two years, if, in the judgment of the President the revenues derived from tolls of vessels other than those engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States shall be sufficient to defray the cost of maintaining and operating the canal and expense of government and sanitation of the canal zone and all diplomatic questions touching the treatment of vessels as to conditions or charges of traffic at the canal shall have been adjusted, then the President is authorized to issue an executive order declaring such suspended exemption of full force and effect."

It would further provide that from the date of such an executive order the exemption should be allowed but until that time vessels of the United States should pay the same tolls as others.

The free toll provision now is under diplomatic protest.

Representative Adamson introduced the resolution on his own responsibility and it will not go before Congress as an administration measure. It was said in official circles, however, that the silence of the administration did not mean that the proposed step was disapproved. Any declaration of policy on the subject has been avoided since President Wilson assumed office last March.

No Assurance Given.

When Ambassador Bryce left Washington in April it was generally understood that he had secured some sort of assurance that no effort would be made by the United States to execute the free tolls provisions. There has been no official confirmation of this, but significance has been attached to the fact that the negotiations between Washington and London regards to the toll question came to a complete stop about that time and the British government has made no effort to resume them.

The weight of opinion in official circles is that, now that Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the present British ambassador has regained his health, he will be prepared to resume the negotiations at the point where they were suspended, though he probably will wait a reasonable time to afford Congress an opportunity to act upon the Adamson bill.

Representative Adamson, in a statement tonight, explaining his resolution, declared it did not involve the principle of granting subsidy to special interests, but did afford an opportunity to clear up the international phases and to test contentions of all sides in the canal toll controversy.

"Those of us who advocated uniform tolls," said Mr. Adamson, "rested our case largely on the contention that the tolls would be needed to operate the canal, to prevent the operation and maintenance from becoming a charge on the Treasury. Most of those who advocated exemption for the coastwise trade professed that if the government really needed the tolls to operate the canal, then they would not insist on the exemption, but they contended that there would be a large surplus of tolls from other vessels and that the exemption could well be afforded considering the plethoria of revenue.

No Violation of Treaty.

"On the other proposition, the advocates of uniform tolls, while it was still a domestic proposition, and before England had been heard from at all, considered the treaty stipulations and sought to avoid violation of them. The advocates of exemption, insisting that there was no violation of treaties,

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OUTLINES

A joint resolution was offered in Congress allowing coastwise shipping through the Panama canal free of toll after the canal has been in operation for two years.

Secretary Daniels has issued an order requiring all enlisted men in the navy to spend an hour and a quarter every day in study.

The Christmas holidays are causing the cessation of fighting in Mexico. Both sides are celebrating, but to a limited extent.

At one minute after six yesterday afternoon President Wilson signed his name to the Currency bill making it law.

Governor Brewer, of Mississippi, took the stand in the trial of State Senator Hobbs, charged with accepting a bribe and of selling his influence The Governor declared the Senator had confessed to him.

All of the foreign trans-Atlantic steamship companies have endorseu President Wilson's stand on the Safety at Sea bill.

New York markets: Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; middling gulf 12.85. Money on call firm 3 to 3 1-2; ruling rate 3 1-2; closing 3 1-4 to 3 1-2. Wheat easy; No. 2 Northern Duluth 98 1-2. Corn steady 74 1-4. Flour slow. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet.

FEDERALS SWEEP INTO THE REBEL TERRITORY

Guerilla Warfare Waged Between Juarez and Chihuahua City. Federals Try to Destroy Railway Bridges and do Damage Calculated to Cut Off Retreat of Gen. Villa,

Juarez, Dec. 23.—A flying wedge of Federal troops swept into rebel territory today, and adopting the tactics of guerilla warfare, began a campaign to destroy railroad bridges and telegraph lines, according to rebel reports.

The first act was to cut off communication between General Francisco Villa at Chihuahua, and the rebel base at Juarez. By pulling down telegraph wires south of Juarez, the Federals temporarily isolated Villa in Chihuahua so far as direct communication was concerned.

The small Federal band went out from Ojinaga on the border, and was believed to have been commanded by General Inez Salazar, who is well seasoned in guerilla warfare. The Federals plan, as understood, is to operate extensively over Northern Mexico and by working in circles to destroy all property that might be of use to the rebels without engaging the latter in a fight. According to report Salazar's men were headed for the Casas Grandes district, west of the railroad running from Juarez and were intending to burn houses and other property. In this district are located comparatively rich agricultural and grazing fields, cultivated by Mormon colonies. Most of the Mormons have left. The rebels believe the Federals will form nothing more than a band, destroying what property they can reach and disappearing before they can be overtaken. Extensive destruction of railroads and telegraph lines would handicap the rebels but so far no serious damage has been done, as the wires between Juarez and Chihuahua soon can be repaired.

Rebels Still Confident.

Rebel headquarters held to the belief that Salazar took only a small part of the Federal army from Ojinaga.

An attempted invasion by the Federals of rebels' territory was expected and it was said Villa regarded it as insignificant.

The total Federal strength is about 4,000 soldiers, the bulk of whom are at Ojinaga while with more than 10,000 men Villa controls almost all the whole of the country north of Torreon and west of Monterey.

The last report from Villa was that he was sending men and supplies toward Torreon in preparation for an attack on that city. As the Federals from Torreon had not opposed the rebel advance, General Villa's plan was to implant his men strongly and in numbers near that city before attacking it.

A train which left Chihuahua for Juarez before the telegraph was interrupted had not reached here tonight although it was believed the railroad had not been impaired.

Train is Destroyed.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—Unaware of the presence of northern rebels at a point so far south, a train carrying a detachment of government troops on a tour of exploration ran over a rebel dynamite mine near charcos today and was practically destroyed. A majority of the Federals who escaped death in the explosion were killed afterwards by the rebels.

Charcos which is now occupied by the rebels, is just north of San San Luis Potosi and is the farthest point south to which the northern rebels have advanced.

The rebels are showing greater strength on the west coast in the vicinity of Acapulco, according to consular advices received here. A forced loan for the support of the Federal troops has been levied on Spaniards at Acapulco, the report says. The construction of the railroad out of Acapulco has been stopped and the Americans who were building it are on their way to the capital.

Americans Make Inspection.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Cowles and the captain of the United States cruiser Pittsbrugh arrived today at Culiacan, being brought to the State capital on a special train with Felipe Rivros, Constitutionalist Governor of Sinaloa, and insurgent army officers.

This information telegraphed here tonight, did not make clear what business the American rear admiral had with the Constitutionalist officers although yesterday it was reported the visit was in connection with the State Department's inquiry into the safety of M. S. Windham and J. M. Dunn, Americans who had been reported held prisoners by the Constitutionalists. The Constitutionalists accounted for their whereabouts after the cruiser had started southward.

This is the first time Rear Admiral Cowles has visited any other point held by insurgents. Eduardo Hay, chief of staff of General Iturbe, Constitutionalist commander in the State of Sinola, was commissioned to look after the comfort and entertainment of the American visitors.

Desertions from the Federal garrison at Guaymas continue. Four officers and 37 men surrendered today at Cruz de Piedra, the insurgent outpost south of Guaymas. These deserters reported much demoralization among General Ojada's Federal forces, but asserted that the Federal garrison still numbered neraly three thousand.

Celebrating Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Even in rebellion-torn Mexico the holiday season is bringing some measure of peace. State Department advices indicate a general slackening of hostilities and there has been nothing in the nature of a battle since the unimportant skirmish of December 19th at Altamira near Tampico. Today's reports showed that Torreon and Concepcion had been re-occupied by Federals and that the rebels had re-entered the towns of Cepeda and Parras, all without real fighting.

From the west coast Commander Ziegemier, on board the Annapolis at Acapulco, reported that the condition there was quiet; that the constitutionalists had obtained possession of San Marcos and that they were reported to be operating throughout the whole State of Guerrero.

Ask for Protection.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 23.—Americans residing at Panucano have asked the American consul at Tampico for protection, as a force of rebels is near the place. The petition has been turned over to Gen. Zaragoza, who will establish a small garrison.

Owing to bad weather, the Mexican gunboat Zaragoza, with Gen. Maas, Jr., on board, has not arrived here from Tuxpan.

The National Bank office here was closed for a time today. The management declared after the doors were opened again that the step was taken for the purpose of making up a balance sheet.

The French cruiser Conde sailed from here this afternoon for Tampico the commander having received an urgent call from that port.

The United States battleship Kansas and Connecticut arrived here today and anchored outside the harbor with the Nebraska, the Louisiana, and the New Hampshire. The two latter are to leave at once for the United States.

KLAUS KNOCKED OUT.

Claimed Middleweight Championship But Met Defeat.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—Frank Klaus, of East Pittsburgh, claimant of the middleweight championship, was knocked out in the fifth round of his fight with George Chip, of Madison, Pa., before a local athletic club tonight. Chip outfought Klaus in the first round, held his more experienced opponent even in the next three rounds and knocked him down for the count in the fifth round. It was the second time in three months Chip had been knocked out. After the fight Chip issued a defy to all middleweights.

SCHMIDT IS A PARANOIAC

Doctors Proclaim on Stand That Murderer of Aumuller Girl is Incurable.

New York, Dec. 23.—Alienists called by the defense testified today at the trial of Hans Schmidt, for the murder of Anna Aumuller, that the prisoner is a paranoiac.

Dr. William A. White, of the United States hospital for the insane, Washington, D. C., said he was convinced the defendant's insanity was of the paranoiac type. Schmidt, he believed, had a perverted understanding of the nature of his act, but looked upon it as a glorious sacrifice, which he had been commanded to made.

Dr. Henry Cotton, of the New Jersey State hospital at Trenton, N. J., gave similar testimony. He thought Schmidt had suffered from aberration for at least six years and was incurable.

That Schmidt was insane at the time of the murder was the opinion of Dr. M. S. Gregory, of Bellevue hospital, this city.

Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe submitted to the court a chart of Schmidt's family tree, embracing more than 60 of the prisoner's relatives, many of whom have either been adjudged insane or evinced striking symptoms of mental disorder.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An appropriation of $1,000,000 for improvement of roads used in the rural mail service was asked of Congress today in a letter from Postmaster General Burleson, forwarded through Secretary McAdoo.

TEACHING ABOARD SHIPS

Secretary Daniels Issues Order Making Little Red School Houses of Battleships.

Washington, January 23.—Every American ship will be a school ship with the advent of the new year. Secretary Daniels today promulgated as order putting into effect his new educational system in the navy. On January 1st, and thereafter, for an hour and a quarter each afternoon, every enlisted man on the warships will be engaged in self-improvement under the watchful eyes of his commanding officer. Commissioned, warrant and petty officers will be designated to act as pedagogues.

Enlisted men now taking correspondence course with outside institutions will receive assistance and encouragement, and those chief petty officers who are seeking promotion to warrant rank and the warrant officers who are trying for commissions, will be formed into classes for special instruction to encourage those who are ambitious.

Every detail of this plan has been worked out and this order expresses the hope that the men will fully appreciate the zealous interest of their officers so that there will be increased efficiency in all practical directions.

The navy's needs have not been lost sight of in this attempt to give the men academic instructions for the order gives attention to every possible detail to the training of the enlisted men in lateers which will render them more efficient in the military direction.

GOVERNOR BREWER ON WITNESS STAND

Mississippi Executive Testifies in Graft Case.

HOBBS CONFESSED TO HIM

Declared He Begged for Mercy and Offered to Run for Governor Against Bilbo, Likewise Indicted for Bribery.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 23.—Earl Brewer, Governor of Mississippi, testified today in the trial of State Senator G. A. Hobbs that Hobbs had admitted to him that he was guilty of accepting a bribe and had implored him to help him out of his trouble.

"You know you have the goods on Bilbo and me. I came here to the legislature a good man. I came here with Bilbo. He is the crookedest member of humanity. He has led me to the doors of the penitentiary. Now he kicks me out. If you will help me I will go out on the stump for Governor against Bilbo."

This was a part of what Governor Brewer swore Hobbs said to him.

When Governor Brewer spoke of Hobbs and Bilbo, who is Lieutenant Governor and jointly indicted with Hobbs, on the bribery charge, he betrayed great emotion. Tears came into the eyes of Hobbs as he listened to the Governor's recital.

The Governor testified that Stephen Castleman, of Belzoni, Miss., told him Hobbs had said he would accept money to use his influence for a new county bill in which Castleman was interested. Asked why he did not take steps to have Hobbs arrested then, he said he was satisfied others were implicated and he wanted to get them all. He said he had arranged with detectives to get evidence of further conferences Castleman told him he and Hobbs were to have. After reports of conversations between Castleman and Hobbs had been recorded through telephonic devices, the Governor said he took the matter before the Warren county grand jury.

Hobbs Made Confession.

It was then that Hobbs confessed, according to the Governor. The Governor said he advised Hobbs to see some friend to arrange for bail.

Earlier in the day three persons who said they heard conversations between Castleman and Hobbs through a secret telephone had testified. They were W. L. Douglas and J. G. Gernhauser, stenographers, and Sheriff Middleton, of Hinds county. The stenographers read notes they said they took of these conversations. According to these notes Castleman was willing to give and Hobbs to receive a bribe. Sheriff Middleton said he listened to the conversation, but took no notes. He corroborated the testimony of the two stenographers.

The State rested its case late today.

Kiel, Germany, Dec. 23.—With her main shaft broken the Danish railway mail steamer Aegir, carrying many passengers bound for Korseor, Denmark, for the nolidays, was discovered helpless a few miles off Kiel today. Passengers and crew were said to be in no danger.

DESPERADO IS SHOT

West Hines Wounded By Wayne Officers

Defied Arrest and Undertook to Assault Officers With Brick When Brought to Bay After Having Escaped.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—West Hines, a notorious negro desperado, who has figured in the criminal courts of this and other cities of the State and Virginia, was shot and seriously wounded here today by officers who had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of robbery.

Yesterday Chief Denmark, who had the warrant, accosted Hines in the alley near the city hall about noon and ordered him under arrest. Hines refused to obey and swore he would not go with the chief. When the latter attempted to lay hands on him, he fired on the chief, but the officer was alert and returned the fire with such effect that Hines broke into a run and escaped through the back lots of the city hall.

Subsequently it was learned that Hines had gone to the home of his mother in the vicinity of the stand pipe and Deputy Sheriff Tiler and Policeman Fulghum were sent to serve the warrant on him there.

They found Hines in bed and ordered him up. He got up and, under the pretense of looking for a clean shirt, managed to pass the door, out of which he leaped into a run. The officers gave him chase, and with pistol shots brought Hines to bay in the field near the Smithfield railroad, where with a brick in his hand he turned upon Officer Fulghum to assault him when the officer fired and Hines fell. He lay where he fell until Coroner C. E. Stanley arrived on the scene and removed him to the home of his mother, where at a late hour tonight he was still living.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, was re-appointed today by President Wilson a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The appointment was immediately confirmed by the Senate.

MILL CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

For This Year the Largest in History of the United States and Value the Greatest.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The mill consumption of cotton in the United States for 1913 was the largest in the history of the country and the value of cotton goods of domestic manufacture exported was greater than for any previous year, the census bureau reported today.

With a supply of 16,225,734 running bales, the domestic consumption was 5,826,330 bales, or 35.9 per cent; the exports 8,800,966, or 54.2 per cent, and stocks remaining at the close of the cotton year were 1,598,438 bales, or 9.9 per cent. The mill consumption exceeded that of 1912, the previous largest year, by 418,747 bales, and the exports were 1,880,792 bales less than 1912.

Stocks on hand August 31st, represented about seven weeks supply for the American mills.

Spindles designed primarily for cotton numbered 32,149,617, a net increase of 566,938 over 1912.

Massachusetts leads all other States having 11,075,684, or 34.5 per cent; South Carolina ranks second, with 4,536,353, and North Carolina third with 3,593,999.

The value of cotton goods of domestic manufacture exported amounted to $53,743,977. Exports of cotton cloth, which amounted to 444,729,241 square yards, were valued at $30,668,234. The value of cotton goods imported amounted to $63,935,983. The United Kingdom, Germany, France and Switzerland, in the order named, contributed the largest amounts, furnishing 95 per cent of the total.

The estimated number of active cotton spindles in the world for the year ending August 31st is 143,398,000 an increase of 37,717,000, or 35.7 per cent since 1900. Of the total 55,653,000, or 38.8 per cent are in the United Kingdom; 31,520,000, or 22 per cent in the United States; 11,186,000 in Germany; 9,213,000 in Russia; 7,400,000 in France, and 6,084,000 in India. The total mill consumption of cotton for the year is placed at 21,542,000 bales. The United States, with 5,786,000 bales, leads all other countries, the United Kingdom, with 4,440,000 bales, being second, and Germany, with 1,800,000 bales third.

PAINTINGS BY MRS. WILSON EXHIBITED

President's Wife Has Two Selected by Judges for Final Test.

New York, Dec. 23.—Two of the paintings of the Winter exhibition of the National Academy of Design, which opened at the Fine Arts building recently, are the work of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. The fact was called to notice today by a friend of Mrs. Wilson.

The pictures, both landscapes, are of the same size, in twin gilt frames. "Near Princeton, N. J.," is the title of one, while the other is called "An Old Wagon Road."

H. W. Wairous, secretary of the Academy, said tonight that the pictures went through the ordinary routine required by the exhibition rules, no emphasis being laid on the fact that they were by the wife of the President. Some of the jury, in fact, did not recognize the first lady of the land in "Ellen A. Wilson, Washington," who offered the paintings for exhibition.

This is the first exhibition of any size in which Mrs. Wilson has participated, though she had several pictures in an exhibition of women's art, here, this Fall.

MALE STENOGRAPHERS AND TYPEWRITERS IN DEMAND.

Civil Service Commission Wants More Applicants.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that while it has no difficulty in securing sufficient female stenographers and typewriters to meet the needs of the departments at Washington, the supply of male eligibles has not been equal to the demand. Young men who are at least 18 years of age and who are willing to accept the usual entrance salaries, which are $840 and $900 a year, have excellent opportunities for appointment. While the entrance salaries are low, advancement is reasonably rapid to those meriting it. The examinations, which any competent stenographer should be able to pass, are held each month in the year, except December, at the principal cities of the United States.

Full information in regard to the examination may be secured by addressing the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the District secretary, postoffice, Atlanta, Ga.

INQUIRY BRINGS RESULTS.

Woman Found to be Divorced Wife of Gubernatorial Candidate.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 23.—Inquiry here into the former life of Mrs. Roy L. Grover, the woman whom Daniel DeVilliers went to see before he was shot to death at Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday, revealed the fact today that she is the divorced wife of Vivian M. Lewis, Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey, against Woodrow Wilson in 1910.

DeVilliers came to Paterson in 1906 and opened a riding school. Mrs. Lewis was one of his pupils. They left Paterson together and were next heard from in South America.

Mr. Lewis sued for divorce and was awarded the custody of their two small children, which she left behind. Mr. Lewis is a former commissioner of banking and insurance in New Jersey and was one of the Republican State leaders. Recently he was appointed vice chancellor.

RICHMOND HAS HER FIRST COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Virginia City to Celebrate in Big Manner This Year.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23.—For the first time in its history, Richmond will have tomorrow night a community Christmas celebration. A native cedar 50 feet in height has been set in a public square opposite the city hall, and decorated with 1,000 electric bulbs. It will be illuminated at dusk on Christmas eve when the Boy Scouts of the city will deliver to the needy presents provided by the charity organizations. A chorus of 4,000 school children will sing carols around the tree, which is to be lighted each night during the Christmas week.

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INCOME TAX ON A. C. L. BONDS

General Counsel Alexander Hamilton Issues Ruling Regarding Payment on Holdings.

(Special Star Telegram.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Alexander Hamilton, general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line, has issued a statement regarding payment of income tax on the holdings of its bonds, in part as follows:

"As to the payment of interest on such bonds and obligations as contain, either in the bond or mortgage securing the same, any clause or covenant to the effect that such interest will be paid without any deduction on account of any tax imposed by government authorities, the paying agents have already been instructed to pay to the holders of such obligations the full amount of interest according to the tenor thereof without any deduction, but only upon the holders presenting certificates, which the company is by law compelled to require concerning ownership, in compliance with the regulations of the Treasury Department relating to such Federal income tax, the company itself assuming and paying to the government the normal tax imposed upon the holders of such obligations. Where subsequent to the date when such interest became payable, but not less than thirty days prior to the first day of March in any year, such certificates shall be received by this company, the amount in such cases so retained will be paid.

"Among the bonds and other obligations not containing covenant to the effect that the interest will be paid without any deduction on account of any such tax imposed, are the Wilmington-Newbern first mortgage fours, Wilmington-Weldon general first fives and fours, and certificates of indebtedness sevens. The company will not assume the payment of income tax on these.

PLAN TO INAUGURATE NEW WATER SYSTEM.

Secretaries and Others Plan for New Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Plans for inaugurating a system whereby all questions pertaining to water control and distribution under the Federal government may be disposed of without duplications of effort were discussed at a departmental conference today by Secretary Garrison, Secretary Lane, Secretary Houston and Secretary Redfield. It was agreed that greater co-ordination and co-operation between the four departments would simplify work, now widely distributed, and to this end further conferences will be held.

It was pointed out during the session that the great watersheds of the national forests are now controlled by the Agricultural Department, while in many instances, especially where floods are involved, the War Department has sole jurisdicition. Water supply and floods, it was observed, bear a close relation to conservation problems which the interior department is trying to solve. Also the questions of water regulation dealt with by the Department of Commerce frequently are closely associated with those of the other departments.

Various chiefs of bureaus attended the conference and Senators Ransdell, of Louisiana, and Newlands, of Nevada, also were present. Mr. Ransdell has long studied the various problems presented by the Mississippi river, and Senator Newlands is author of the bill, epitomized by his colleagues as "an effort to follow a drop of water from the time it falls until it returns to the sky."

It will be necessary for the conferees to learn just what special legislation already is in effect or proposed for the regulation of river and harbor projects and forestry reservation and to go into all the questions broadly before they can perfect their plans for co-ordination of this work.

MISS ELEANOR WILSON PLAYED SANTA CLAUS.

Takes Packages and Good Cheer to Poor Children.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Miss Eleanor Wilson, youngest daughter of the President, played "Santa Claus" to a half hundred little children today. With Christmas greetings from the President she took an automobile of toys and candies to a settlement on the Virginia side of the Potomac, through which her father rides on his way to golf.

Miss Wilson visited about 15 families. "There hasn't ever been such a time before in Virginia," commented one aged woman as the automobile stopped at her house.

"We haven't seen the President some by" chimed in one of the children, "where is he?"

"He has been ill," said Miss Wilson.

There was a general inquiry as to his health from the assembled and Miss Wilson said her father sent his love and best wishes and was now going to Mississippi for a vacation.

TRIAL IS CONTINUED.

Directors and Employes of Company Charged With Conspiracy.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The trial of directors and employes of the Western Fuel Company on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government was continued to Federal court today. W. H. Tidwell, special agent of the Treasury Department, was on the witness stand. He showed from the company's books that between April, 1906, and the last day of 1912, it received from American shipowners and from the government 33,223 tons of coal in excess of what it really delivered, according to its own weights. Tidwell said the company not only collected payment for the coal it sold which the books show it did not deliver, but it also received the customs drawback or rebate allowed by law on foreign coal to American ships.

NO CONGESTION OF MAIL.

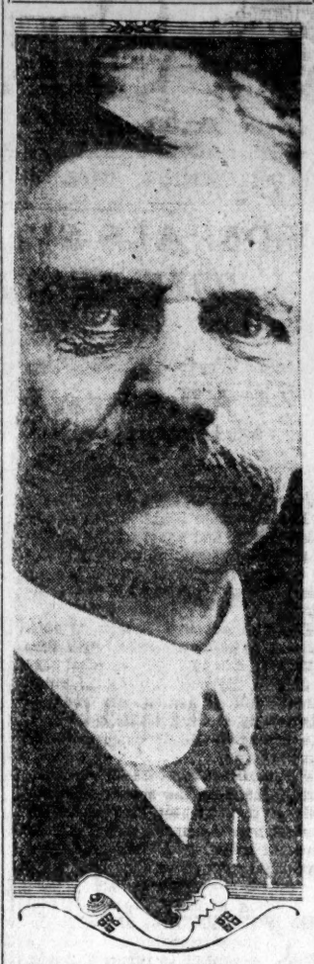
Postal Stamp Sales in New York Increase Four Hundred Thousand.

New York, Dec. 23.—Postmaster Edward M. Morgan announced today that while the parcel post service had reached enormous proportions during the rush of Christmas, the last few days, there had been no congestion in the local postoffices. Today over 500 extra clerks and 250 automobiles and moving vans were employed to take care of the traffic.

Sale of postage stamps in this city amounted to $178,969 today, bringing the total for the 23 days of December to $2,240,991, or $466,609 more than for the same period last year.

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(advertisement.)

Vice-President Marshall.



It has been announced by a lyceum bureau at Chicago that Vice President Thomas R. Marshall has signed a contract to lecture at least four weeks, after the close of the present session of Congress. The Vice President will receive $300 a lecture, according to the announcement. His lecture tour will cover cities in the Middle West.

Dortch Has Office Doubly "Cinched"

APPOINTED BY JUDGE CONNOR AND CONFIRMED BY SENATOR SAME AFTERNOON.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—William T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, is now United States marshal of the Eastern district of North Carolina, having been named by District Judge Connor, being sworn in and qualified by giving bond this afternoon. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, was also designated this afternoon by Judge Connor as United States district attorney for this district, but he was not present and will not qualify for a week or ten days.

Dortch Names Deputies.

Immediately after qualifying, Marshal Dortch named the following office deputies: Chief clerk, Gaston Lewis Dortch; assistant, W. R. Johnson, of Windsor; second assistant, P. A. Mitchell. The last named was first assistant under Marshal Dockery. The new marshal will name the 13 field deputies later, after he has had a chance to go over the list.

Dortch and Webb Confirmed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Senate in executive session this afternoon confirmed the nominations of W. T. Dortch and Charles A. Webb to be marshals for the Eastern and Western districts, respectively. Senators Simmons and Overman made a hard fight for the two men and finally prevailed upon Senator Goff, of West Virginia, and other Republican senators to withdraw their opposition.

Newbern Postmaster Confirmed.

The following postmasters were also confirmed: L. G. Daniels, at Newbern; R. S. Montgomery, at Reidsville, and J. R. Swann, at Marshall. A. M. Sanders, who was nominated yesterday for postmaster at Smithfield, failed of confirmation because of the rush to adjourn.

P. R. A.

REVIVAL AT ATKINSON.

Service to be Conducted by Rev. Robert King in January.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 23.—The community is delighted to hear that Rev. Robert King will preach here a week in a revival, in the new Presbyterian church, beginning on next third Sunday, January 18th, and continuing through the fourth Sunday. Mr. King is a good preacher, one who speaks with power and great earnestness, a devoted man of God. The entire community, at and around Atkinson, is invited to attend the services.

The preparatory services to the revival will begin on Wednesday night after the second Sunday in January, and will continue until the third Sunday each night.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CHESS.

Princeton Defeated Harvard in Well Played Game Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 23.—Princeton today defeated Harvard in the second round of the 22nd annual inter-collegiate chess tournament and took the lead from the Cambridge players. The results today were: Princeton 2 1-2 vs. Harvard 1 1-2; and Columbia 2 1-2 vs. Yale 1 1-2. The record to date is:

	W	L.
Princeton	5	3
Harvard	4 1-2	3 1-2
Columbia	3 1-2	4 1-2
Yale	3	5

Cleveland O., Dec. 23.—The finding of 12 6-ounce bombs, labelled "Dynamite-glycerine," in a safe in the former quarters of the Health Department in city hall, this afternoon, precipitated a panic among officials and attaches.

TAKE NO ACTION.

Trustees Will Not Fire George Out of Institution.

New York, Dec. 23.—No action looking toward the removal of William R. George from all participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic will be taken at this time by the trustees of the Freeville, N. Y., institution. This was the reply forwarded by them today to the State Board of Charities, regarding the board's action in calling upon them to force Mr. George to sever his official connection with the institution he founded.

The trustees in their communication to the State board asserted that nearly all of the published criticisms of it were due to a misunderstanding of actual conditions.

Regarding the recommendation for the removal of George, the trustees pointed out that the founder has had no official connection with the republic since 1908, although he is at present the National director of the National Association of Junior Republics. The trustees set forth that the charges against him are still under investigation by a committee of high standing and hence "any action of the trustees or any recommendation made by them in this regard in advance of the decision of this eminent jury which will soon be rendered, would not only be a grave discourtesy but would be manifestly unfair.

CHINA TO HAVE TWO RAILROADS.

German Minister and Chinese Secretary Sign Articles.

Berlin, December 23.—The Chinese foreign minister and the German minister to China signed at Peking today an agreement for the construction in China of two railways to be undertaken by German engineers who are to utilize purely German materials and capital.

The cost of the two undertakings is figured at $20,000,000 but the Disconto Gesellschaft estimates the financial requirements at a much higher figure. It is uncertain when the loan is to be offered.

The first line is to run from Kaomi near Kiaochow, on the Shantung Railway, southward to Hanchwang, where the Tien Tsin Pukow Railway crosses the Grand canal. The second line is to extend from the Shantung Railway to its terminus at Tsinan to Shunteh on the Hankow Railway.

NEW YORK SCHEDULE.

Leaguers to Spend Much Time on the Training Trip Next Spring.

New York, Dec. 23.—Secretary John B. Foster, of the New York National League Club, tonight announced the following Spring training trip schedule of the team:

March 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd—Dallas; 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st—Houston; April 1st, Beaumont; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, New Orleans; 8th, Mobile; 9th, Chattanooga; 11th, 12th, 13th, Baltimore.

The training schedule of the second team is:

March 7th, 8th—Dallas; 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd—Waco; 28th, 29th—Dallas; 30th—Denison; 31st—Sherman; April 1st—Bonham; 2nd—Paris; 3rd—Texarkana; 4th, 5th, 6th—Memphis; 7th—Nashville; 8th—Knoxville; 9th—Asheville; 10th—Richmond; 11th—Portsmouth.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

List of Names Sent to the Senate Yesterday by Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson has made the following nominations:

Second secretaries of embassies: The Netherlands and Luxemburg, M. Marshall Langhorne, Virginia; Christiania, Franklin Mott Gunther, Virginia.

Postmasters: Newbern, N. C., Louis G. Daniels; Bryson City, N. C., W. A. Gibson; Reddsville, N. C., R. S. Montgomery; Smithfield, N. C., A. M. Sanders; Marshall N. C., John R. Swann; Dayton, Va., Charles A. Funkhouser; Rocky Mount, Va., William C. Menefee; Richmond, Va., Hay T. Thornton; Danville, Va., James A. Lawson.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Having qualified as executors of the last will and testament of C. J. Mitchell, deceased, late of New Hanover county, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said C. J. Mitchell, or C. J. Mitchell, doing business as B. F. Mitchell Company, to exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of December, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This Dec. 17th, 1913.

A. M. BALDWIN,
FRANK L. HUGGINS,
GEORGE SLOAN,
Executors of the Estate of C. J. Mitchell.
W. P. Mangum Turner,
Attorney. de17-1aw6w

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE!

Having qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Bernhard Goodman, deceased, late of the City of Wilmington, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of December, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of December, 1914.

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Blank Cartridges.
Brass Cuspidors, 50c and $1.00.
Brass Fire Dogs, $5.00 to $7.50.
Brass Hd. Fire Sets.
Brass Jardenieres, $1.50 to $2.50.
Cake Chests, Extra fine, $2.00 and $3.00.
Stag Carving Sets.
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..In beautiful satin lined cases, $2.50 to $12.00 a set.
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Pop Guns, 25c.
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PERCOLATORS—Universal.
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Razor Strops.
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Repeating Rifles, 15-shot $6.50 to $12.00.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.
M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company—Advertisement.
Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;
Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.
E. K. BRYAN,
Commissioner.
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NOTICE.

$25.00 reward will be paid for evidence to convict any person or corporation who sets fire that burns any of my lands in this or any other county 120 N. Water Street, Wilmington, N. C.
In this State. D. L. GORE

SEVEN THOUSAND FOR HOLLY

Paid to Brunswick Farmers by Two Buyers—Holiday Trade Good. Christmas Spirit There.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 23.—The holiday spirit here this season has found its usual expression in Christmas giving. A few weeks ago there was a feeling among the local merchants that it would be a lean holiday trade for them. But contrary to this there developed a buying which has brought up sales to an equal, if not an increase over last year.

Two contributing factors to this trade to cause its increase, where a falling off was looked for, have been the fishing interests of the Carolina Coast Products Co., and the Ocean, where a large force of men have been receiving good wages, and the large sales of holly in this lower section of Brunswick county, one buyer of this holly paying to farmers $5,000, another paying $2,000, this being in a sense "found money" to the farmers.

Unfortunately, with too many an extra quantity of "old booze" appears to be a necessary requisite to the observance of Christmas. While there is an increase in number of liquor packages arriving here this Christmas, there is a decrease in the quantity, and it might be added, perhaps, in the quality of the wet goods.

Busy at Postoffice.

Postmaster Curtis and his assistants have had a busy period, the parcel post adding greatly to the amount of handling they are called upon to do. There has been a good increase of mail in and out of the local office over previous years. A noticeable feature to the advice "to buy early," has been followed by sending gifts to a distance days in advance of Christmas, which greatly relieves the congestion that usually comes the day before Christmas at all postoffices.

The change in the system of paying the soldiers, now through the quartermaster, finds a better solution in getting the men their money, and more quickly. This season the soldiers have been paid one-half their month's pay in advance of the customary monthly pay, which is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Tree Tonight.

Tomorrow night, Christmas eve, the Sunday School of St. Phillips' will have its Christmas tree, with appropriate exercises for the occasion. An address by Rev. Mr. Moody will be part of the programme.

At Fort Caswell, Chaplain and Mrs. Springer will have a tree to which a pretty general invitation of the soldiers and their families has been extended.

A local sporting event of considerable interest is a pool tournament that is to take place during the holiday week at Miller's. A number have signed, and the event is looked forward to see some good games as there are a number of excellent cueists here.

"FRIEND INDEED."

Saves Young Man From Jail at Kinston.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—When J. C. Daughtridge, a young carpenter of Rocky Mount, alighted from a train here yesterday a warrant was served upon him for the alleged larceny of a tape line from his employer, W. J. Redd, of this city. Daughtridge was one of a force Redd had sent to Pink Hill, 20 miles from here. The youth was without friends and after a magistrate had heard his matter could not give the bond to keep him out of jail until the trial at Superior court.

He was deploring his plight in the sheriff's office when a man who gave his name as G. C. Holland, of Warsaw, walked in. Holland, a substantial appearing citizen, had been a passenger on the same train with Daughtridge, and had witnessed the arrest. He did not know the prisoner, but his sympathies were aroused. In the sheriff's office he burst into tears. "I was in trouble once myself," he said. "I'll go this man's bond. I hate to see him go to jail." Holland gave references, and a Queen street merchant when telephoned told the sheriff: "I'll advance a thousand dollars for Mr. Holland, if he wants it." Holland was allowed to sign Daughtridge's bond and the carpenter was liberated to thank his good angel and walk at liberty. The tape line that the young man is alleged to have taken from his employer was of small value, and the accused stoutly maintained that he was innocent.

VACATION EXTENDED.

Spring Term at Wake Forest Opens January 5th.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 23.—The fall term at Wake Forest College came to a close Friday. The last two periods of each subject were given over to quizzes; these covered the entire fall work. The term closed with a total enrollment of 435. In view of the fact that several of the students live in distant States, the senior class petitioned the faculty to extend the time of vacation from December 30th to January 5th, 1914. The faculty granted their request.

Work on the new church has progressed rapidly. The brick work is almost completed. As soon as the roof can be put on the building will be ready for the inside work.

Considerable progress has been made on the new dormitory. When completed it will be a spacious building, with two extensions, finished with modern equipment.

WILSON COUNTY BUILDING ROAD

Grand Jury Recommends All-Time Health Officer.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—During the past year Wilson county has constructed eight miles of entirely new road and this with the labor of the county road force under the supervision of Mr. W. F. Woodard, chairman of the board of county commissioners. The plans of Mr. Woodard contemplate a system of through roads covering the county.

If the recommendations of the grand jury are carried into effect, Wilson county will have an all-time health officer to examine into the physical and mental condition of the children of the county. The grand jury also recommends that the duties of the county board of health be strengthened in reference to the sanitary condition of water sheds, public school water supply, and drinking fountains.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enrichesh the blood, and builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children, 50c.
(advertisement.)

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FIVE "CHRISTMAS PARDONS"

Granted by Governor Craig; Others to Follow—Rate Expert and Bank Examiner to be Elected.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Craig announced today five "Christmas pardons" and stated that there will be a few more Christmas morning.

Jessie Lewis, Wayne county, is pardoned from the remainder of a ten years' sentence imposed in 1906 for criminally immoral conduct, on recommendation of many citizens, the prosecutrix and her husband having agreed to recommend pardon on payment to them of $25.

D. E. Everett, Edgecombe county, pardoned from nine months' sentence on recommendation of every white citizen of the township.

Robert Price, Anson county, pardoned from three years' sentence imposed in 1911, recommended by Solicitor Stack and others, because he took no actual part in the killing, but was only present aiding and abetting.

Kennith Kennedy, Davidson county, pardoned from the remainder of a six months' sentence imposed last September for larceny. He is a mere boy and his parents pledge to take him in hand.

Jessie Anderson, Wilkes county, serving eight months for selling whiskey and pardoned on recommendation of the solicitor and others who represent to the Governor that he sold only one quart and has not been anything like a persistent offender. He has served four months.

To Elect Rate Expert.

It is learned that the Corporation Commission will take up right after the holidays the election of an additional bank examiner and a rate expert under the provisions of special acts passed by the recent special session of the Legislature. There are very few applicants for the place of rate expert, only two North Carolinians, in fact. However, the indications are that an expert from a diseant State will be chosen. As to the additional bank examiner, there are about 25 applicants, and it is believed that the real contest has now narrowed down to about three.

New Corporations.

Charters were issued today for three new corporations, as follows: The Durham Life Insurance Co., of Durham, capital $25,000 authorized and subscribed by A. M. Maize, S. B. Coley and others for general life insurance business. The Ford Garage Co., Goldsboro, capital $20,000 by D. L. Edgerton and others. The Merchants' Bottling Works, Inc., Weldon, capital $25,000, by J. G. Ellis and others.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS MANY.

Arranged for Holiday Season at Tarboro.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—Many social affairs have been arranged for the holidays throughout the county. Messrs. Geo. T. Sugg, J. W. Brown and W. W. Walston have arranged for a trap and ladies' rifle shoot to be held at Pinetops Friday, when valuable prizes will be awarded to those making the best scores. The shoot will be followed with a dance. Music will be furnished by Crocia's orchestra.

Monday a riding tournament will be held at Speed under the management of Messrs. A. T. Mitchell and James Jenkins, with a dance at night when the queen will be crowned. Crocia's orchestra will also furnish music for this affair.

Monday night the Cotillon Club will give its annual New Year dance in Edgecombe hall, and a number of visiting young ladies are here to attend. These affairs always bring many to Tarboro from every section of the State.

Tuesday there will be a riding tournament and dance at Leggetts, under the management of Messrs. Tom Anderson and R. L. Pittman.

BANK IS PROSPEROUS.

Mullins Institution Makes 24 Per Cent. Profits for Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mullins, S. C., Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Planters' Bank, of Mullins, was held today. The report of the officers was very satisfactory and pleasing to the stockholders. It showed that the net profits to the bank had amounted to 24 per cent. for the year. The present officers, which are as follows, were elected: Jno. P. Cooper, president; E. C. Edwards, vice president; Jas. R. Williams, cashier; Noah H. Jeneratte, assistant cashier. This bank has always done well. A dividend of eight per cent. payable immediately, was voted.

Farmers are now beginning to buy guano for tobacco beds, and it is hoped that tobacco growers will hit it right this year and have plenty of plants. For the last two years plants have been very hard to get.

FOR DEMONSTRATION FARM.

Wilson Commissioners Considering Feasibility—Map of County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—The county board of commissioners are considering the feasibility of converting a portion of the county farm into a demonstration farm. The county owns 187 acres of good land and the crops this year were above the average. In addition to corn, cotton and wheat the farm produced 5,000 pounds of meat.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the State geological board, was in Wilson Monday in conference with the county commissioners in reference to a map of Wilson county, showing the school district lines, the farm residences, school houses, churches, streams and roads. The commissioners have taken the matter under advisement.

Mrs. Ruth Jones, aged 81 years, died Sunday night at her home just outside the town limits. The funeral service was conducted Monday.

HAS 21 CHILDREN.

Sad Christmas for Them—Father is in Jail.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—It will be a sad Christmas for the 21 children of Shane Isler, a middle-aged negro of Sand Hill. A deputy sheriff drove up to the home of Isler and the little Islers yesterday and haled the father forth to jail. Evidently Isler was hard put to it to feed his score and one pickaninnies, for he was charged with selling whiskey, and the neighborhood gossips allege that he is connected with the disappearance of innumerable pigs and fowls. Unable to give bond, he will have to stay behind bars for the holidays and then a time, while the charatfes feed 21 hungry little blacks.

We are showing a great selection of holiday goods. C. H. Fore & Co.
(advertisement.)

REPUBLICANS BLOCK ACTION.

On Nominations for Philippine Commissioners Now Pending.

Washington, December 23.—Republican senators led by Senator Smoot, of Utah, today prevented action in the Senate upon the appointment of Winifred T. Denison, of New York, as a member of the Philippine Commission and secretary of interior for the island government. This appointment was first sent in during last session but was not acted on and President Wilson re-appointed him early in December. Opposition was due to charges of political activity. Mr. Dennison was an assistant United States attorney when appointed and had been prominently identified with the prosecution of customs frauds. His opponents claimed he had been unduly active in Republican and later in Progressive political affairs.

PERHAPS FATALLY CUT.

Serious Cutting Affray in Lenoir County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—David Dawson was perhaps fatally cut by his brother-in-law, Charlie Brown, in Trent township yesterday. The men were drinking and were alone when the affray which resulted seriously for Dawson occurred. Both are young men and Dawson has a family.

Dawson has no recollection of the affair, and did not know he was injured until he awoke with the pain some hours after he had been carried to his home and received medical attention. He is severely cut on one wrist, but a more dangerous wound is in the side just above the abdomen, and it is this that may cause his death.

LITTLE HOPE FOR RECOVERY.

Dr. C. A. Whitehead, of Tarboro, is Seriously Ill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—Little hope is now held by the close friends of Dr. C. A. Whitehead, the well known Tarboro dentist, who is ill at his farm near here. Dr. Whitehead recently underwent an operation in Baltimore but does not seem to make much progress towards recovery.

He is well known throughout the State, having held many offices of the North Carolina Dental Society.

MRS. YOUNG REINSTATED.

Chicago's Lady Superintendent of Schools Gets Job Back.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, whose forced retirement as superintendent of Chicago schools resulted in a number of mass meetings of protest, was declared reinstated at stormy meeting of the board of education this afternoon. Thirteen votes were cast for Mrs. Young. Seven others were present but did not vote.

All invited to shop early today. C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

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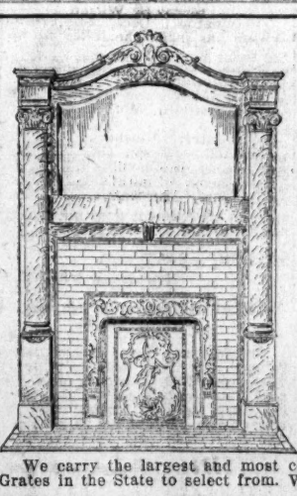
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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90, ! 8:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:20 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:15 A.M.
No. 51, * 8:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *12:30 A.M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65, ! 6:25 P.M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P.M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P.M.
No. 58, * 3:15 P.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P.M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 59, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A.M.
No. 42, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Brailer, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
No. 57, ! 7:00 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Conway and Intermediate stations.	No. 56, ! 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ! Daily except Sunday. b Sunday only. a Daily except Monday

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park.	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Beach.	WESTBOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington.	WESTBOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington.	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington.
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No. 14—11:30 A. M., from Charlotte and Intermediate points.
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Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Ar. St. Louis	6:32 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

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ALL DRAFTS, checks, express money orders, and postal money orders, for the paper should be made payable, and all communications should be addressed to, THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

Wednesday, December 24, 1913.

Some of us are "Spugs" by compulsion rather than by preference.

The strap hangers will now let go until time for the New Year resolution.

We shudder to think what might have happened if there had been a jug famine in Virginia.

Well, if the snow did fly, the currency bill is now law, and "Big Business" should rest easier.

Better be late with your Christmas celebration than too early with your festivities, if they are not of the right sort.

A friend sent another friend a bag of nuts for Christmas. He should have accompanied it with a note saying that nothing personal was meant.

We presume that Governor Blease over in South Carolina will release the customary number of convicts on the community about this Christmas eve.

The Corning, N. Y., business men's association has planned for the appearance of Santa Claus in that town by aeroplane. All of which we submit shows that the "world do move."

Congress has passed the Hetch-Hetchy bill and the President has signed it. For all of which the country should be thankful even if they do not know or care what it means.

Lincoln Beachey, Sunday, in his aeroplane, flew close to the ground, a mile in 42 2-5 seconds, successfully dodging poles, trees, wires and fences in his swift course. Some low as well as high flyer is this lad, Beachey!

With the rearrul congestion at the postoffices and on the railroads just at this time, we fear that Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery's roseate views expressed on the parcel post service will fall on unresponsive ears.

Durham is waging another war on the illegal traffic in liquor. Why man, down here in Wilmington, since Judge Carter's visit here, people are talking about such things as ancient history—mentioning the blind tiger clean-up in the same breath with the Civil War.

Charlotte reports expenditures for new buildings in 1913 of more than a million and a half dollars. That's all very good. But Wilmington expended more than a million in 1913 and has already more than another million with the foundations laid for 1914.

A pastor at Snyder, Texas, had just completed from the pulpit an unusually lurid picture of the Demon Rum and the congregation had just begun to sing the last hymn when out from the feet of the organist crawled a snake more than three feet long, according to a press dispatch. Pandemonium broke loose and the service was left unfinished. And this all occurred before Christmas!

"Red Buck" Bryant has had his ear to the ground up there in Washington and he says Cam Morrison is certainly going to be in the race for Governor. Here is the way "Red Buck" dopes it out: "The Morrison movement is on the way, and everybody is ready for the frolic. 'Choose your partners for the next dance, and let the music begin,' is in the air. Cam Morrison is not a candidate for attorney general, and will not be."

BUSINESS HAS NOTHING TO FEAR

President H. A. Wheeler, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is not one of those "calamity howlers" to whom Speaker Clark recently paid his respects in such vigorous terms in the lower house of Congress. Mr. Wheeler was recently quoted in an interview in the New York World to this effect:

"I do not believe that anything is in contemplation by the administration which can in any way injure legitimate business. I do not believe that the question of what is and what is not legitimate business is going to be determined by the Administration upon mere grounds of theory or opinion. I do not believe that any discipline will be inflicted by the law upon 'big business' which is not also bad business. I do not believe that any restrictions placed on bad business, proved to be such, can have any other than a stimulating influence upon good business, however 'big' it is."

In the face of recent efforts to stampede business for partisan purposes, the words of so high an authority as President Wheeler are, to say the least, quite assuring. The recent happy culmination of the negotiations between the Bell Telephone Co., and the Administration dissipated the gloom along Wall Street and the stagnation was at once swept aside in several important groups of leading stocks. The letter of the President to the Attorney General in this connection defined exactly the status of Mr. Wilson's attitude to business, big and little, and broad, patriotic capitalists and captains of finance were satisfied with it. It made plain that both big business and little business may expect to receive fair treatment, if they only did right, and that should be quite sufficient.

Adverting to these and other signs of the times, the Baltimore Sun concludes a splendid editorial in this wise:

"The wisdom of the Democratic Administration is being vindicated by the earnestness and unanimity with which the business world is getting behind it. The mind of the business man, in fact, is getting close to that of the progressive, and he not only sees that no harm is coming to him but that great good will result from an enlightened and unselfish National policy. The things he thought advantageous he now realizes were handicaps, and he is glad to be rid of them. There is a 'new freedom' for him as well as for the country in the new regime of equality of opportunity. Mr. Mann and Mr. Cannon must feel astonished at the failure of the old cry of disaster to bring forth any sympathetic response. They are, in truth, 'way behind the times and the political procession, and must bring themselves up to date if they expect the country to listen to them."

POLICING A CITY.

Commission government in Columbia, S. C., according to all reports, has been a marked success. Mayor Gibbes down in the Palmetto capital recently promulgated a code of A. B C. rules for the members of the police department that has attracted wide attention in the South. These rules were brought forth by reason of complaints registered against a few men on the force who had been indulging practices, injudicious, if not actually unbecoming. Duty No. 3, for instance specifies:

"To prevent a breach of the law is better than to make an arrest, but if the law is broken, make the arrest with only such force as may be necessary."

Duty No. 9 is worded: "Don't slouch; don't converse with citizens when on duty; don't accept 'courtesies'; don't rob fruit and peanut stands, for you may have to bring cases against others who do so; don't fail to bear yourself as an officer and a gentleman."

"Remember," says duty No. 10, "that you are a paid servant of the people and that your city will be praised or blamed according to your performance or neglect of duty."

The complete set of duties follows:

"1. Know the city ordinances and the rules of the department.

"2. Knowing the laws, keep within them yourself and require others to do so.

"3. To prevent a breach of the law is better than to make an arrest, but if the law is broken, make the arrest with only such force as may be necessary.

"4. If your own person, or those of others, are endangered by a law breaker, handle him promptly, sternly and effectively.

"5. Be courteous to all alike and never abuse a prisoner; however lowly he may be.

"6. If the grounds are sufficient and your duty requires you to make an arrest, then be sure to prepare yourself to properly prove your case according to its true circumstances. Cases brought before the recorder without sufficient legal proof to convict are a blot on the record.

"7. In cases of plain and inoffensive drunks turn the offender over to a responsible friend, if he will at once take him off the street. Otherwise, send him to the station house for his own safety.

"8. Pay diligent attention to the traffic laws, and do not look the other way to avoid enforcing them. The safety of the public requires that they be carried out.

"9. Don't slouch; don't converse with citizens when on duty; don't accept 'courtesies'; don't rob fruit and peanut stands, for you may have to bring cases against others who do so; don't fail to bear yourself as an officer and a gentleman.

"10. Remember that you are a paid servant of the people and that your city will be praised or blamed according to your performance or neglect of duty."

"THE OLD GUARD."

The Baltimore Sun is a consistent friend and champion of the "old guard." Adverting to the achievement of Mr. Nathaniel T. Meginnis, trust clerk to the Supreme Bench in Maryland, who has just been admitted to the bar after a strenuous struggle with Blackstone and the revised statutes, The Sun says that every young man of 68 should take pride and courage.

"Talk about time knocking a fellow out, Dr. Osler," exclaims The Sun. "Mr. Meginnis and young folks of his kidney know better. They know as Dr. Holmes says in his poem, 'The Boys,' that 'old time is a liar' and that youth is merely a relative term, referring not to the number of a man's years but to the amount of his capacity. Here's to Mr. Meginnis and all the other sturdy old boy scouts who are still on the trail of knowledge and performance. The Winter of old age is made glorious Summer by their success."

CURRENT COMMENT.

"Tango, tangere, turki, trotum," is we understand, the way the boys and girls are conjugating this season.—Greensboro News.

The parcel post is not carrying all of it. Every passenger train that goes out of Charlotte these days is a parcel train. The racks, the seats and the aisles are filled with bundles.—Charlotte Observer.

A holiday season threat of bartenders to strike appals Cleveland, Ohio, but we are sadly unable to note any similar attitude by the labor engaged in shipping liquor from Virginia into this State.—Charlotte Observer.

Immediately upon the announcement from Washington of the agreement between the administration and the Bell Telephone Company there ensued a rush of buying orders which swamped brokers of the New York Stock Exchange. Activity was most marked in the telephone stock, naturally, but it broadly extended also to the Steel, Harvester and other big industrials and affected the whole market more or less. Thus Wall Street's stagnation disappeared like a flash. It was realized that the administration, as shown by the President's published letter to the attorney general, had neither impossible demands to make nor hostility to gratify; that both big business and little businesses might expect fair treatment, even considerate treatment, if only they did right. The news causing the most favorable impression was to the effect that when President Wilson signed the currency bill he would give out a statement thoroughly reassuring to all business men. No wonder there was an old-fashioned bull movement all along the line. It will be truly a wonder if, with Wall Street more than reconciled, the country at large does not begin the new year stepping high. —Charlotte Observer.

RAILROAD PRESIDENTS BEAR GREAT LOADS.

Some of Them Burdened to the Breaking Point, Says "Holland."

(Boston Herald.)

Fairfax Harrison, who has been chosen as the successor of W. W. Finley as president of the Southern Railroad, is, as his two predecessors were, of Southern birth. Samuel Spencer, and his successor, W. W. Finley, were both of Southern birth and training and their knowledge of the South, past and present, was one of the reasons why they were called to the presidency of this great railroad system of the South.

Mr. Finley, who succeeded Mr. Spencer soon after the accident which cost Mr. Spencer's life, was an enthusiast upon the opportunities that are to be found everywhere in the South, yet in his view development in the South, agricultural and industrial, depended in great measure upon adequate railroad facilities. He looked to the day when his railroad and the other larger systems of the South would be abundantly fortified in the way of equipment, terminal facilities and perfected roadbed and trackage to meet the demands for transportation which the wonderful energy of the business men and planters of the South would speedily make. It was along the same lines that President T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line was seeking to develop his railroad in the interest of that part of the South which it penetrated and also to develop the industries of that part of the country in the interest of his railroad system.

It is impossible to make more than an approximate estimate of the part these two men contributed toward such development of the Southern States as makes possible in the year 1913 the accumulation of new wealth due to agriculture equivalent to about $3,000,000,000, as well as industrial activity which has also added greatly to the financial resources of the South.

President Finley was especially interested in the development of the natural resources in Louisiana. He always had a pride of citizenship and almost that of birth in that State, for although he was born at Pass Christian, Miss., his early training was in the State of Louisiana. He was confident that Louisiana would soon take rank with the greatest corn producing States of the Union, and he was also of the opinion that much the greater part of Louisiana's surface covers the largest natural gas fields in the United States. As soon as times became normal and railroads were relieved from the many embarrassments which they now face, President Finley expected to see and participate in greatly increased development of the natural resources of Louisiana.

The strange tragedy of the coincident deaths in points of time of President Finley and President Emerson will pass into history as one of the most mysterious of the many mysterious incidents associated with the active careers of some of our greatest railway forces.

Both of these railroad presidents of the South were greatly worried because of conditions in railroad affairs of the United States which prevented them from accomplishing, excepting in part, what they hoped for. No one can with certainty attribute to any other than normal physical causes the fact that these two railroad presidents died upon the same day, and yet those who have known of their enthusiastic labors in aiding in Southern development and who knew how they were beset by various political and legislative difficulties, escaped the suspicion that worry may have contributed directly to the coincident tragedy which has taken them away.

It is a fact often commented upon by business men and by those who are active in our railroad life that a strange and unusual mortality has affected many of those who were in high executive position since the Sherman law was passed and since agitation against the railroads was begun.

Since this modern agitation began this mortality has been so great as to cause many to believe that railroad presidents take their lives in their hands when they accept their post. The New York Central Railroad Company lost in 20 years President Rutter and the chairman of the board, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and, although President Callaway did not die in office, he lived only a few months after he retired. President Newman, taking heed of this physical condition, retired and undoubtedly saved his life in so doing. And that undoubtedly will be the case with President William C. Brown, who will retire on January 1st.

The New Haven lost two presidents by death within about three years—Charles P. Clark and John M. Hall, both of them men comparatively young. There have been appalling tragedies in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company within 20 years, so many that the suspicion has become strong that worry and various embarrassments caused by the attitude of legislators toward the railroads of the United States brought on mortal disease. That certainly was the case with A. J. Cassatt.

Melville Ingalls retired a few years ago from the management of the Big Four, broken in health, although he was a man of superb physical vigor when he entered the office of president. There has always been a suspicion in this city that organic disease seized E. H. Harriman in 1901 and lurked in his system, aggravated constantly by reason of his worry lest Federal and State legislation should impair or destroy the great railroad fabric which he had built up.

—HOLLAND.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, was appointed by President Wilson tonight a delegate to the International Maritime Conference which is holding sessions in London. Mr. Lewis will fill the place declined by Senator Root, of New York, who had advised the President that it would be impossible for him to accept the appointment at this time because of pressure of personal affairs.



Every Red Cross Christmas seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped to maintain more than 150 open air schools for children who needed open air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the $400,000 received last year was expended. This year $1,000,000 is needed. Surely every one can help by buying at least ten seals.

GEN. CARR FOR GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of The Star:

It is with great pleasure that I have been reading of the movement throughout the State to make General Julian S. Carr our next Governor. There is no man in the State better qualified for the high office. As statesman, orator, soldier and true blue Democrat, he is the peer of any man in North Carolina—a great big-hearted loyal citizen, a successful business man; one of the most approachable men in the State; a man of unbounded charity, has perhaps done more of that work than any man in the State. Loyal to the full extent to his party. There are many of us living who remember when Democracy was wavering in the balance, it was Jule Carr who came to the rescue with his open pocketbook and won the victory for our grand old party. If there be any who doubt this statement, let them ask such great leaders as Thos. J. Jarvis, Judge Clark, Josephus Daniels, Senators Simmons and Overman, Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, Governor Craig, R. B. Glenn, Hon. John D. Bellamy, and others.

Jule Carr ought to receive the nomination for Governor by acclamation and if Pender county where he is so loved could cast the vote, it would be done.

R. P. PADDISON,
Point Caswell, N. C., Dec. 22, 1913.

UNUSUAL CASE FILED.

Supreme Court to Decide Land Condemnation Matter.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Solicitor General Davis will file in the Supreme Court tomorrow a brief in one of the unusual cases involving the right of a property owner to have the findings of condemnation commisioners tried by a jury. It hinges upon the condemnation by the United States of landse in the horse raising district of Virginia, which are to be used for training horses for military service. The defendants took exception to the report of commissioners to whose appointment they had agreed and when such exceptions were argued in the district court, for the first time raised the point that a jury must be empaneled either to try the entire matter or to try the exceptions. After the lower court held against them the defendants won from the circuit court of appeals a verdict which held in substance that the seventh amendment to the constitution had been violated and that the defendants were entitled to h jury trial. Before the Supreme court Mr. Davis will urge that the seventh amendment does not apply to condemnation proceedings.

WILSONS LEAVE FOR HOLIDAY VACATION.

President and Family on Way to Pass Christian, Miss.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson with Mrs. Wilson, their two daughters, Miss Margaret and Eleanor, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, and Dr. Cary Grayson, naval aide, left Washington tonight at 10:45 o'clock for Pass Christian, Miss., to spend Christmas.

The President eluded the crowd which had gathered at the depot to see him depart by boarding his private car an hour before the time scheduled for its departure. He will return to Washington in time for the diplomatic reception January 13th.

Joseph Tumulty, the President's secretary, will remain at the White House during the holidays and keep in touch with the President by telegraph.

COLORED STUDENTS ORGANIZE.

Corn and Tomato Clubs at State Normal.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Following the close of the ceremonies marking the termination of the most successful fall term in the history of the State Normal School for colored students, here, a corn club was organized among the male students of the school and a tomato club among the female students. Work toward the preparation of the soil for the growing of corn and tomatoes wil be begun by the members of the two clubs early in the new year.

Attendance at the Normal School is between 300 and 400, the students coming from almost every county in the southeastern part of the State.

REFERENDUM PROVED IT.

Southern Methodists Do Not Want Church Name Changed.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The proposal to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, has been overwhelmingly defeated by the referendum vote, taken at this year's annual conferences. Official returns made public here today, comprising results of the voting in all but three conferences, show 1,333 votes in favor of the change and 4,092 opposing it. Thirty-two conferences returned majorities favorable to retaining the present name, and 12 favorable to abandoning it.

SEVEN HUNDRED PURCHASED.

Presents to be Distributed From Fayetteville's Municipal Tree.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fayetteville is going to have its second municipal Christmas tree this year. Seven hundred presents have been purchased by a committee of women, who will help distribute them to the children of the city at the F. I. L. I. armory on Christmas day. All the white children of Fayetteville have been invited to the tree at the armory by Mayor Underwood, while the colored children will be given a similar tree at Evans Memorial Chapel.



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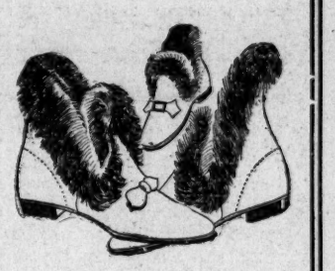


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MONTGOMERY WARD ESTATE.

Immense Fortune Left to Members of His Family and Relatives.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—All of the estate of the late A. Montgomery Ward estimated at more than $5,000,000 will be kept in his family, according to the terms of ris will, a digest of which was given out tonight.

Various relatives are to receive a total of $240,000, five nephews receive considerable blocks of stock in the business built up by Mr. Ward, two-thirds of the residue is willed to the widow and the other third to the widow in trust for the only child, Miss Marjorie Ward. The income from the proceeds o all Mr. Ward's insurance policies also was left to Miss Ward.

The widow, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ward, was made sole executrix without bond.

The bequests provided were:

Mrs. Hannan M. Keyser, Philadelphia, sister, $35,000.

Mrs. Cora Ward Hammond, Niles, Mich., sister, in trust $40,000.

Mrs. L. F. Brown, Niles, Mich., sister, in trust $30,000.

S. I. Ward, Northville, Mich., brother, in trust $30,000.

Mrs. Nancy A. Hans, Southbend, Ind., sister, in trust $30,000.

Twelve nephews and nieces are given various amounts from shares in the business to $5,000 cash.

SEVERAL CORPORATIONS FAIL.

Bank and Several Stores in Tennessee Town Go Under.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—The LaFollette State Bank, LaFollette Coal, Iron and Railroad Company and the LaFollette Co-operative Store Company were placed in the hands of receivers this afternoon in response to general creditors' bills filed against the corporations. All are located at LaFollette, Tenn., and are headed by Col. H. M. LaFollette, who has been an active promoter of industrial developments in this section for 18 years.

Assets of the corporations were said to total more than the liabilities which were set at about $4,000,000.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—The battleship Ohio, which came here Sunday for fumigation, sailed early this afternoon for Delaware breakwater. She had been ordered there because of better facilities.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Each of the White House employes, about 150 of them, received a 15-pound turkey today with Christmas greetings from the President and Mrs. Wilson. The President has been too busy to do any Christmas shopping, but his wife and daughters have been seen frequently during the past few weeks in the crowds thronging the stores.

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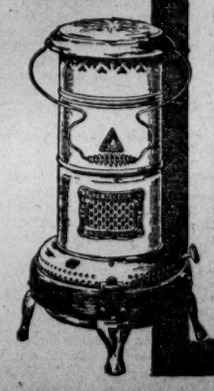
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

Community Celebration Tonight on Postoffice Lawn—Salvation Army Will Remember Poor.

Despite the drizzling rain that made shopping an unpleasant task yesterday, the streets were thronged from early in the morning until late at night with thousands of people busy making purchases and completing preparations for a merry and happy Christmas. And it was a happy crowd for nearly every one was thinking of how they could help others to be joyful. The Christmas spirit of good cheer was evident on every hand; there was no boisterous or disorderly conduct, but just a good natured throng of men, women and children, all moved by a common purpose.

And that Christmas this year in Wilmington is going to be the happiest, the merriest and the best of all that the city has ever had is evident. For the first time there will be a community celebration this taking place tonight on the lawn in the rear of the postoffice building where a mammoth Christmas tree has been erected around which will center the exercises of the evening. This is a public celebration and everyone who can possibly do so is invited to be present. It will mark a new era in the way of celebrations here, and commemorates a new spirit and a new idea of Christmas that is gaining a firm ground in the hearts and minds of the American people.

That those who have not the means with which to enjoya a Christmas of good cheer, joyfulness and gladness will not be forgotten is shown by the elaborate preparations of the Salvation Army and other organizations of the city for remembering the poor and neglected on the day of all days when men and women should be happy. Even the poor convicts out on the county roads will not be forgotten for care has been taken to see that they have some reminder of the glad holiday season.

Tonight the boys and girls will hang up their stockings which they will find tomorrow morning filled to overflowing with presents from the hands of old "Santy" who through the years still remembers that once too, he was young. But why call him old for at this season of the year no one is supposed to be old. All are young; true some are younger than others, but it is the spirit of the thing that counts. Yes, it's Christmas, but every youngster knows it and is glad.

Community Celebration.

All are invited to attend the Christmas celebration which will take place on the lawn in the rear of the postoffice building tonight beginning at 8 o'clock. A tall cedar tree has been erected which will be brilliantly illuminated with scores of incandescent lights casting their silvery rays through tinsel drapings. Hundreds of school children will gather around the tree and sing appropriate Christmas hymns and carols. These will be the old familiar songs that have been classics, the ones that everybody know, and all will be expected to sing.

To bring about a new idea of the way to celebrate Christmas is the idea underlying it. There will be nothing formal, no set speeches, no programme, but just a celebration in which all can feel at home. It is expected that all will sing and join in making it a splendid success. It will be an occasion when the spirit of good fellowship and happiness will be predominant.

The tree was erected Monday under the direction of Mr. John C. McAllister, superintendent of streets. The Kress Company and Gaylord-Platt Company have given the tinsel and other decorations and these will be placed on the tree today by Mr. Adam Empie. Yesterday the Tidewater Power Company put in an electric wire to furnish the current for the lights.

The music will be directed by Prof. France, organist of St. John's Episcopal church, who will be at the organ and he will be assisted by Mr. James Willson, who will use a cornet. The school children have been practicing for several weeks on the songs for the occasion.

Salvation Army.

According to their annual custom of many years the Salvation Army will this afternoon and tomorrow distribute to poor families in the city 100 or more baskets of appetizing things to eat. They are substantial baskets, too, filled with good things of all kinds. There is in each one a ham, potatoes, flour, sugar, coffee, a can of corn, a can of sausage, fruits and other things. To buy one of them would cost several dollars. They will be given only to worthy families who otherwise would have no Christmas dinner beyond their usual fare.

But this will not be the only way in which Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas and their assistants will help the needy and destitute. They have many articles of clothing, shoes and other things which have been donated by the good people of the city which they will also give away. These will come as a happy remembrance to many.

Then there is the Christmas spread tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Seamen's Bethel, corner Front and Dock streets. This is intended for the many young men and women in the city who have no home of their own where a Christmas dinner will be served. There will be plates for 200 or more guests which it is hoped will be enough to take care of all who come. It is the worthy purpose of Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas to make it possible for every person in Wilmington to have a Christmas dinner and they have had the aid and co-operation of the people of the city in carrying out this noble aim. They were kept busy yesterday receiving the many donations sent to them and in getting them ready to send out.

Following the Christmas dinner there will be a Christmas tree for the little ones. There will be toys, clothes and other articles which will make them happy. Last year there were presents for 300 children and this was not enough to go around. With the many gifts that they are now receiving they hope to have enough this year.

Dinner to Seamen.

The Floating Christian Endeavor Society of Wilmington, supported by the Seamen's Friend Society, will give a dinner to seamen tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Every sailor in port, officer and man, whether he belongs in Wilmington or has come in on some trading vessel is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. T. C. Findley, who is the State representative of the Floating Endeavor, has charge of the arrangements. He is being assisted by the society and a number of outside people. There will be a literary and musical programme that will be full of life and pleasure. Many comfort bags that have been made by friends and by Christian Endeavor societies in different parts of the State, will be given the sailors. The dinner will be of pleasing variety, suited to every taste and sufficient for every appetite.

Christmas for Convicts.

The Yoke Fellows of the Y. M. C. A. are making preparations to give every convict in the county some reminder of the happy holiday season. They have been aided in their noble purpose by many of the public spirited citizens of the city and will have something suitable for everyone. The inmates of the county home will also be remembered with suitable gifts.

ANNUAL U. C. T. SOCIAL

Members of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, Will Gather at Hall Saturday Evening—Innovation.

Members of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, are looking forward with keen interest to the annual social of the chapter, which will be held next Saturday evening, December 27th, at the council parlor over the Murchison National Bank building, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and which will differ from the former socials of the organization in that it will be attended by the wives and lady friends of the members.

Preceding the social affair, the regular monthly business meeting of the Council will be held that afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at which time, in addition to the transaction of routine business, a class of candidates will be initiated. Several of the candidates, however, will be saved for the social session, in order to give the ladies who will be present an opportunity to see the fresh meat undergo the curing process. This in itself is a decided innovation, and one that will doubtless contribute much to the enlivenment of the affair.

Delightful refreshments will be served and Mr. O. O. Whitlock's orchestra, composed of eight pieces, will furnish music for the occasion. This will be the first time in the history of the Council that ladies have been invited to attend the annual social, and their presence will serve to make the evening doubly enjoyable.

The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Messrs. L. H. Burnett, H. H. Pearsall and I. C. Loftin, and they request that all members who expect to attend the social, let it be known by the cards which have been mailed to them for the purpose not later than today. It is necessary to know how many to expect in order to complete the arrangements for the evening.

FIRST ANNUAL RECEPTION

Wilmington Elks Planning Brilliant Event to be Given Evening of January First.

Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E., is planning for the first annual New Year's reception, which will be given on the evening of January 1st, and the members are looking forward to the occasion with a great deal of pleasure. Invitations to the number of about 500 will be sent out and indications are that the event will be one of the most enjoyable, as well as largely attended, in the history of the local Temple.

The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Mr. Jos. F. Leitner, chairman, and Messrs. Jas. Owen Reillly, L. Stein, C. W. Polvogt and I. W. Solomon, and these gentlemen are sparing no effort to make the occasion a notable one.

Christmas colors will be used in decorating the parlors and dining room. Delightful refreshments will be served from 8 to 11 o'clock and handsome souvenirs will be distributed to the ladies in attendance. Mr. Jas. Owen Reilly is arranging an attractive musical programme.

Those who were present at the reception given by the club on the occasion of the opening of the new dining room several months ago, are satisfied that the coming event will be entirely as enjoyable as they remember that to be, and, in fact, more so, which is saying all that could be said.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Number of Papers Filed for Record Yesterday.

The following deeds were filed for record at the court house yesterday: A. K. Bryan to Gertrude Bryan, for $500, half interest in lot on west side of Sixth street, 165 feet north of Castle street, 29x165 feet in size; Rosalia C. Jones to T. E. Goff, for $100, lot on south side of Brunswick, 31 1-4 feet east of Fifth street, 27x66 feet in size; Sol Sternberger, assignee, to William Bellamy, for $750 and other considerations, lot on east side of McRae, 198 feet south of Grace street; T. A. Wall and wife to W. D. Colwell and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of 11th, 132 feet south of Dock street; H. W. Konig and wife to Jno. C. Wessell and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Ninth, 90 feet south of Taylor, 30x95 feet in size; W. D. Colwell and wife to Thomas Wall, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on east side of Orange, 60 feet west of 14th street, 30x89 feet in size.

ACTIVITIES AT STANDSTILL.

Work at Boys' Brigade Ceases for the Holidays.

Activities at the Boys' Brigade until after the holidays came to a close at the armory Monday night at a largely attended social meeting, which was featured by addresses by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, Col. Walker Taylor and several members of the organization. Refreshments were also served, and aided in making the meeting a most enjoyable one.

No more meetings of the Bible class will be held until the first Monday in January, the gymnasium classes will not meet until after New Year and all other brigade activities will be at a standstill during the holidays. The armory, however, will be open to the members during the festive season.

REMAINS ARRIVE TONIGHT.

Mrs. May Colville Currie Died at Home in Georgia Yesterday.

A telegram was received by friends in the city last night from Mrs. John Colville, of Chauncey, Ga., announcing the death of her daughter, Mrs. May Colville Currie, some time yesterday. No particulars were given the message stating that the remains would arrive in Wilmington tonight. The funeral will be held some time tomorrow and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. Mrs. Colville and her daughter resided in Wilmington until a few years ago. Many friends in the city will be greatly distressed to learn the sad news.

IMPORTANT NEW POSITION

Mr. R. M. Shepard Appointed Land and Industrial Agent for the Tidewater Company.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Tidewater Power Company, held at the offices of the company yesterday, Mr. R. M. Sheppard was appointed Land and Industrial Agent of the company for the yeear 1914. Mr. Sheppard will devote his entire time to the immigration and colonization work in which the Tidewater Power Company interests are engaged.

The appointment of Mr. Sheppard to this important position comes as a recognition of the splendid ability which has been shown by him in his work as secretary of the Carolina Trucking Development Company, in which capacity he has served with signal success for several years. The experience which he has gained in this work will be of much benefit to him in his enlarged field of duty, and coupled with his natural ability and energy, will enable him to serve with the same degree of success that has heretofore marked his efforts. In view of the fact that the duties in both positions are of a similar nature, and that the Carolina Trucking Development Company and the Tidewater Power Company are allied interests, Mr. Sheppard will continue as secretary to the former corporation, in connection with his new duties.

The development of the agricultural resources here are being pushed forward more energetically, and with greater success, than has ever been the case heretofore; and already the Wilmington section is becoming widely known throughout the United States as one o finest and most advantageously situated trucking sections in the country.

Attention has been called recently in this paper to a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture, which practically confirms all that has been claimed for the South Atlantic seaboard by the most enthusiastic believers in the possibilities of its development.

MOTHER-IN-LAW BLAMED FOR CAUSING TROUBLE.

Get Excused on This Account. But Ernest Murray, Colored, Couldn't

Many a man has had trouble with his mother-in-law and to some to live with such a family institution seems a sufficient ground for a divorce. Ernest Murray, colored, who was before the recorder yesterday on a charge of abandonment and non-support of wife and children, stated that he and his wife had gotten along fine together until her mother came to live with them. Then the trouble started and continued until he finally decided the best way to end it would be to leave home.

Pity 'tis, 'tis true, but the strong arm of the law recognizes no such frivolous reason as this to excuse a man for leaving his wife and children to shift for themselves. Ere long Murray found himself arrested. Still he didn't think it was serious, even then, for didn't he have a good cause for going away. Sure thing! But when the recorder said six months on the roads he realized that he was up against a harder proposition than he had thought.

Then the idea dawned upon him—a bright one it was—that he might get a divorce from the wife and thus be freed of the burden that was hanging heavily upon him. Alas and alas! but there has not as yet been enacted a statute that will allow a man to get a divorce for this cause. So poor Ernest must work six long months on the county roads because he couldn't get along with his mother-in-law.

In the meantime, what will become of that wife and children? Will a part of his earnings go to their support? Nary a bit. They will be no better off for the time being but perhaps Ernest will come back at the end of that time to help them. He may do this or he may travel far afield and leave them behind. Anyway, the strong arm of the law has been satisfied for the present even though the family has apparently received no relief in the way of support. It's more than likely that the mother-in-law will help keep the family larder filled.

For many nights those living around 11th and Market streets say that they have been greatly annoyed by all sorts of disorderly conduct, loud and boisterous language and other disturbances until their peace of mind has been sorely troubled. Seeing no prospect of immediate relief warrants were issued for a number of negroes. Several of them have been arrested among these being Ezeliah Williams, Pompey alias John Thomas Merritt and Adrian Faison. These had a hearing yesterday but judgment was reserved until others alleged to have been involved in the disturbance could be arrested. In the meantime these are safely domiciled behind the prison bars. Charlie Reeves, colored, was charged with disorderly conduct. A nol pros with leave was taken.

Mr. J. H. Hinton, charged with speeding, was taxed with the costs.

Old Shells Unearthed.

The workmen who are doing the grading and other improvements at Wilmington Beach have been excavating many pieces of exploded bomb shells, and other missiles, fired by the Federals during the bombardment of Fort Fisher, over 50 years ago. Some of the missiles are almost perfect in shape, while others are only fragments. They are fairly numerous and are interesting reminders of the mighty struggle which went on in the neighborhood of the old fort in those dark days of the War Between the States, so many years ago.

Mr. Patterson Was Here.

The many friends of Mr. C. M. Patterson, of New York, president of the Germania Manufacturing Company of this city, were pleased to see him in town a few days last week on business in connection with the plant. He has returned to New York, but will be back again shortly after the holidays, and the business men of the city, as well as others, will be glad to learn that there is some probability of his again removing to Wilmington to live.

Funeral of Mr. Schloss.

The funeral of the late Mr. Simeon Archibald Schloss, whose death occurred on Monday night, will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, No. 214 North Fourth street, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. The services will be by Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, of which the late Mr. Schloss had long been a member.

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PLEASED WITH CITY SCHOOLS

Prof. M. C. S. Noble Impressed With Wonderful Growth Since He Was Superintendent.

"Yes, I spent the morning paying a hurry visit to the white schools of the city and my only regret is that want of time prevented my visiting the colored schools of the city which are to contribute so much to the future growth and development of Wilmington," was the reply of Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the Department of Education at the University of North Carolina and a gentleman "whom to know is indeed a treat," in response to inquiry from a star man asking him if he had visited the city schools since he arrived here to spend the holidays.

"I found the Hemenway, the Union and the High schools still forging to the front as usual," he continued, "and this was a delight to me, because in these schools I acquired what little knowledge I have of educational practice and in them I caught that inspiration which one always gets from daily contact with American youth."

Professor Noble recalled with great pleasure many happy incidents of the 16 years he spent here as superintendent of the graded school when it was in its infancy. When asked just how many years it had been since he left Wilmington to take charge of the educational work at the University he gave an evasive reply explaining that "some people, not knowing me personally, would think that I am growing old." However, those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance know that he will never be old, even though he should pass the century mark in point of years.

Because of his long years of practical experience in the school room combined with an earnest study of educational questions from a theoretical standpoint he now occupies the position of an authority on educational questions, especially those that concern the public and graded schools. The recent meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh, paid him the high honor of electing him president of the association for the coming year.

While Professor Noble is an authority in school lines and ranks in the forefront of the teaching fraternity he has never divested himself of that personality and that human quality that the average every day man is supposed to have. In fact, one would have to go a long ways to find a more whole-souled, high-toned gentleman than he. He still likes Wilmington and is here to spend the holidays with friends, relatives and old associates. "After all there's no place like home," he said yesterday when he met an old acquaintance whom he had known for masy years.

Domestic Science.

"What do you think of the domestic science department at the High School?" he was asked.

"The domestic science work at the High School is along right and practical lines," he replied. "When I visited this department I found some young girls receiving instruction in the theory of the culinary art and I found others actually cleaning the windows of the school room. I must say that I was glad to find them at this kind of work for bright clean glassware on the tables and bright clean panes in the windows always mean cleanliness and neatness elsewhere."

Bear Memorial School.

"Yes, I visited the Isaac Bear Memorial school," he continued. "The building is the best I have seen in North Carolina, and I believe that I have the best ones in the State. It is a model in arrangement, in ventilation, seating and heating.

"One cannot fail to be pleased the moment he enters the building. The rooms are beautifully lighted, the seats are the very best and all the appointments contribute to as complete a success in school architecture as I have ever seen. In every room I found flowers and growing plants that gave life and movement to the general effect, and the suggestive, artistic and historical pictures on the walls of the rooms and the several halls gave an aesthetic effect that is surely uplifting to the children who attend the school."

One of the features of this school that was especially striking to Professor Noble was the model playground apparatus that has recently been installed. He had the privilege of seeing the children playing at recess and anyone who has this pleasure cannot but grow enthusiastic.

"I was delighted," he said, "at the orderly but unrestrained pleasure of the children. By the way, it is is worth a trip to the school to see the little girls play on the telephone pole lying on the ground. Their play cannot be described, one ought to go and see for himself.

"But the best thing I know of about this Isaac Bear Memorial is the beautiful and practical spirit that prompted Mr. Samuel Bear to build this splendid memorial to his greatly beloved brother. The building is as I have said, the best in the State and is a model in beauty of architecture, in convenience of arrangement and in conformity to the laws of health. I really wish that I had a duplicate of it at the University in which to conduct a model school for the benefit of the young men in my department, who are preparing for service as teachers in the public schools.

"My visit to this school reminded me that the spirit of giving is 'catching.' Samuel Bear in sweet affection for his dead brother, gave to the city in which he has spent the best years of his life, this splendid school building for the use of the children of Wilmington. And others have already caught the spirit and are adorning the walls with inspiring and instructive pictures that have an educative effect upon the children of the city.

"But before I finish talking to you about this school let me say that the little auditorium is a sweet little gem home-like and inviting. It ought to be the center of all the social life of the neighborhood. This Isaac Bear Memorial is the best gift that the city has ever received from any of her citizens for her children and I sincerely trust that it will be the inspiration of many other benefactions."

Young People Married.

Mr. Nathan C. Lewis, of Wallace, and Miss Ada Craig, of this city, were married Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. W. F. Craig, the officiating minister being Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist church. They will make their home at Wallace. Both young people have many friends who will wish them many years of happy wedded life.

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CAPT. EARL THOMPSON.

High School Football Team Elects Leader for Next Year.

Mr. Earl Thompson, one of the best players that the High school football team had this year, has been elected as captain of the squad for next year. Capt. John Thames has been the efficient leader of the team this year and that he has more than made good is shown by the splendid record made by the team. They missed the State championship by only one game and this a hard fought one.

Capt. Thompson was selected this year as all-State fullback and has a fine record as player of good clean ball. He has played star ball in all the games and stands at the forefront in the gridiron struggles of the High Schools of the State. Mr. Grey Hicks, another star player of the team this year, has been selected as the all-State left tackle. These are the only two Wilmington players to get on the list and is a most creditable showing for them as well as for the team.

YOUNG PEOPLE WED.

Mr. Lucius E. Thomas and Miss Lillie Willoughby Married Last Night.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willoughby, corner Second and Meares streets, last night at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Lucius E. Thomas and Miss Lillie Willoughby were happily married, the officiating minister being Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. The marriage was a quiet affair and only a few friends of the family were present. The groom is a machinist with the Cape Fear Iron Works and is a young man of splendid character. The bride has many friends in the city who extend hearty congratulations. The young couple will leave this morning on the 3:40 train for Portsmouth, Va., to spend the holidays with the parents of Mr. Thomas.

Y. M. C. A. Directors Re-Elected.

The election held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday for the purpose of selecting five members of the board of directors to fill terms expiring this year, resulted in the re-election of Messrs. L. B. McKoy, D. H. Howes, Jr., L. D. Latta, J. W. Yates and Jno. R. Murchison, all of whom have served most capably on the board. The election yesterday was for a term of three years. The board of directors will meet soon for the purpose of electing officers for the association for the coming year.

Turkeys for Christmas.

Following a long established custom the members of George Washington council, No. 67, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, has distributed turkeys to the widows of all its deceased members. Mr. W. H. Howell had charge of the buying and distribution of the turkeys and needless to say the families receiving them were very grateful. George Washington council ranks as one of the very best in the State and is noted for its many acts of kindness, not only to its members, but to all who need help.

Widows Given Turkeys.

One of the commendable undertakings of Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is to give each Christmas a turkey to the widow of every deceased member of the order. Mr. Walter E. Yopp had charge of this feature this year and yesterday finished his pleasant task. Jeff Davis is the oldest Junior Order in the city and is doing a splendid work in building up and encouraging a broader and more generous spirit of fraternalism among the citizens of the city.

New York, Dec. 23.—Forty fishermen scrambled off the schooner Sen-Daniel Willard just before the schooneca in North river today to the tug schooner with a big gap in her side sank in 25 feet of water. Backing out of her pier she had been rammed amidships by the tug. No one was hurt.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—An unknown steamer is ashore half a mile below Little Island. Life savers and the revenue cutter Onondaga have gone to her assistance. Life savers have been unable to identify the vessel on account of a dense fog.

FUNERAL OF MISS CRONLY.

Services from Family Home Yesterday Morning—Interment.

Attended by many friends from the city and elsewhere in the State, the funeral of Miss Sally Taylor Cronly, whose death occurred Sunday evening, was held yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock from the family home, No. 215 South Third street, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Following the impressive services at the residence the remains were borne tenderly to Oakdale cemetery for interment. The grave was covered with the profusion of beautiful floral designs. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. M. Cumming, William Latimer, H. C. McQueen, A. M. Hall, E. P. Bailey, R. R. Bellamy and Dr. J. B. Cranmer.

Complaint is Filed.

Complaint was filed yesterday in Superior court in the case of J. E. Lewis against the Wilmington Door & Lumber Company, in which the plaintiff asks $10,000 alleged damages for the loss of his thumb, two first fingers and part of a third finger in a planer which he was operating in the plant of the defendant company. Lewis is represented by Jno. D. Bellamy & Son.

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Like the first pale gleams of the morning light,
Are the berries of mistletoe green;
When the Star shone forth in the eastern sky,
There by the Wise Men seen.

Pure and white as the cotton that grows in the field,
Lay the babe in the stable, dim;
And men, tall and stately as beautiful pine,
Brought precious gifts to Him.

With edge sharp as knife, and of polished green,
Are the leaves of the Holly tree,
And the scarlet berries, like drops of blood,
Bring back other scenes to me.

When our Saviour did wear a crown of thorns
Which pierced His sacred brow,
And the day was gray as the Spanish moss
That hangs from the Oak tree's bough.

His birth was most humble, His death full of pain,
For us He was born, His blood shed,
His memory keep green, our love ever bright
As the Youpon with berries red.

On the birthday of Him who suffered and died,
May joy, peace and happiness thine
Your love for the Saviour whose birth day this is,
Be strong like the Bamboo vine.
—MRS. J. STEPHEN CROWLEY,
Wilmington, N. C.

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Mr. J. O. Bowden, of New York, is in the city to spend some time with relatives.

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Mr. T. P. Nash, Jr., will spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Elizabeth City.

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Mrs. W. E. Etheridge and children are spending the holidays with her parents in Washington, D. C.

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Miss Gladys M. Herring has arrived from the State Normal to spend the holidays with her relatives.

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Mr. O. A. Hamilton, principal of the Hemenway school, left yesterday afternoon for Monroe to spend the holidays at home.

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Mrs. J. A. Farley left yesterday for Whiteville where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

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There will be a special dance at the Elite Academy tonight. All the young people of the city interested in dancing are invited to be present.

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At the postoffice yesterday, 1,343 Red Cross seals were disposed of. The ladies in charge were Mrs. W. C. Munds and Mrs. J. M. Solky.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Scott and Mr. J. A. Tower, of Utah, N. Y., are spending some time in the vicinity of Chadbourn on a hunting expedition.

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Miss M. Rose Grant arrived last evening from Asheville to spend the remainder of the winter with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Huntington, No. 224 South Fourth street.

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Mrs. J. A. Fountain and daughter, Miss Virginia, left yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mrs. Fountain's daughter, Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, Jr., at Henderson.

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Mr. Pritchard Orr, a student at Westminster Academy, Rutherfordton, passed through the city yesterday on his way to spend the holidays with his parents at Currie.

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Mr. Wm. F. Whitaker, assistant cashier in the Seaboard offices here, left on an early train this morning for Petersburg and Enfield, Va., to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Post and Miss Lydia Post, of Baltimore, and Mr. W. N. Post, of Harvard College, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Post.

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F. B. Jones, white, was arrested last night at Front and Princess streets by Policeman H. R. Smith on a charge of shooting firecrackers. He gave bond in the sum of $25 for his appearance this morning before the Recorder.

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A most enjoyable Christmas entertainment was given at the Winter Park Baptist church last evening and was largely attended. An attractive programme was carried out most successfully and the delight of the younger people present reached its heighth when Santa Claus distributed presents to each child. To Mr. John Huey, chairman of the committee on arrangements, is due much of the credit for the gratifying success of the event.

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Rev. Dr. Fred D. Hale, former pastor of the First Baptist church, will arrive this morning to spend the holidays with his son, Mr. J. W. Hale, and daughter, Mrs. C. B. Newcomb. He has been spending some time with his wife's relatives at Reidsville since he left Hot Springs, Ark., where he went for treatment following a nervous breakdown while serving a church in Joplin, Mo. His many friends here will be glad to know that he has entirely recovered and is now enjoying his accustomed good health.

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There will be a special Christmas entertainment at the First Baptist church this evening at 8 o'clock. The programme includes a number of musical selections and several resitations. A quartette composed of Misses Lila Keith and Berta Cox and Messrs. Chas. Schulken and W. B. Muse will render several numbers, and there will also be some chorus singing. Recitations will be given by Miss Sadie Oldham and Miss Hines. Those in charge of the arrangements say that the entertainment will be over in time for those present to attend the public Christmas ceremony on the postoffice lawn.

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A number of the High School teachers left yesterday afternoon for their homes where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Misses Ethel Wood and Ethel Smith will spend the holidays at Miss Wood's home in Newbern; Miss Alice Atkinson will visit friends in Newbern and Lumberton; Miss Kate Styron will be at her home at Newbern; Miss Isabelle Gulley will visit at her home at Wake Forest; Miss Frederica Jenkins will visit at Raleigh; Mrs. C. L. Stephens will be at Southport. Among the members of the faculty who will spend the Christmas vacation in the city are Miss Nancy Martin, Grace Logan, Jennie Wood, Mary A. Grant and Mrs. R. L. Cobb.

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The Christmas tree last night at Grace Methodist church for the members of the Sunday school was a splendid success in every way. Old Santa Claus was present and took great delight in distributing the many presents which had been assembled on the large Christmas tree which was beautifully decorated. There was a sack of candy for everyone and a special present for the little ones. An orchestra rendered sweet music which was much enjoyed. A reading by Miss Sallie Hines was one of the delightful features of the occasion. The church was filled to overflowing with the hundreds of little ones and their friends who attended.

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The kindergarten class of the Church of the Ascension, corner Third and Marsteller streets, had their closing exercises for the holidays and Christmas celebration at the church last night under the direction and supervision of their teacher, Miss Guthrie Cowan. There are 35 pupils in the class and all were present, together with their parents and friends. A pleasing play was given by the little folks following which came the Christmas tree. This is Miss Cowan's second year with the class and the exercises last night reflected the splendid training which they have received at her hands. She has done faithful and efficient work as a teacher and the good results of her work can be easily seen. The Sunday school of the church will have their Christmas tree tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Through his attorney, K. C. Sidbury, Esq., Joseph Manly started suit yesterday against John Moore and wife. The complaint has not yet been filed.

—Through the kind-heartedness of Mrs. G. W. Westbrook, the convicts working on the Wrightsville road were given a hot dinner Saturday afternoon. Needless to state, the prisoners enjoyed it very much.

—No freight will be handled over the suburban line of the Tidewater Power Company on Christmas Day. The pasenger cars will be operated on the regular schedule in the morning and in the afternoon the Sunday schedule will prevail.

—The city schools closed yesterday for the holidays, to re-open January 5th. There were no formal closing exercises, though some appropriate songs were rendered by the pupils. Visitors at the different schools made short talks.

—What is said to be the largest single cargo of cross-ties ever brought down the river, arrived yesterday morning on the new boat the Jno. W. Fredericks, from points up the Cape Fear. The cargo was for Messrs. G. T. and W. J. Flynn, and numbered 4,000 hardwood ties.

—C. C. Jenkins, a storekeeper at Ninth and Meares streets, made an assignment yesterday, naming K. C. Sidbury, Esq., as trustee. The trustee is directed to take charge of the business, dispose of the stock and apply the proceeds to the settlement of accounts outstanding against the business.

—Register of Deeds John Haar received a telegram yesterday from Mr. E. C. Mullen, of Warsaw, advising him not to issue a marriage license for Ethel Mullen and Granger Howard. The young people did not show up. It is presumed that they were eloping and that the girl's father thought they were coming to Wilmington.

STEFANSSON EXPEDITION.

Explorer's Vessels Are All Safe, According to Dispatches.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Dr. R. M. Randerson, chief anthropoligist with the Stefansson expedition, reported to George J. DesBarats, today that all scientists and members of the crews of the Alaska Mary Sachs and two explorer's vessels are safe and well in Winter quarters at Collinson Point, 50 miles from Flaxman Island in the Arctic Circle.

The report arrived by mail today and States, contrary to recent dispatches from Seattle, that neither of the two vessels is damaged to any extent. The Mary Sachs was caught in the ice packs last September, but can be repaired easily.

Dr. Anderson reports last having seen the Karluk in an ice pack near Point Barrow on August 19th.

The mail received today was dispatched from Collins Point on October 13th. The Mary Sachs with Kenneth Chapman, a geologist in charge, and the Alaska reached Collins Point September 27th and decided to Winter there.

BILL POSTERS' TRUST.

Is Willing to Follow Lead of Telephone Trust and Dissolve.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The so-called bill posters "trust" in negotiating with the government to follow the example of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and dissolve, it was learned here today. Suit against the alleged combination was begun here recently, but the association is said to be willing to conform to every wish of the government without further procedure in court.

The government's suit is a civil one directed against associated bill posters and distributors of the United States and Canada. In these countries there are said to be four big associations of bill posters and distributors which are members of the defendant association.

HUERTA'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebration Came to Close Last Night —Fiery Speech.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—President Huerta's birthday celebration was brought to a close at Chapultepec tonight by a series of speeches. The gathering included most of the President's famil yand a few personal friends.

The minister of foreign affairs Moheno, attacked the policy of the United States energetically, saying that Huerta had been acclaimed as President not only by Mexico but by 21 Latin-American States. He spoke in glowing terms of the support that Mexico might expect from the Central and South American nations in event of war with another power.

ROBBED SANTA CLAUS.

Thieves Break into Church and Clean Christmas Tree.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Scores of little children were robbed of their Christmas presents late today, when burglars broke into the South Presbyterian church and stripped a big Christmas tree of its toys and candies. The burglars forced an entrance into the pastor's study and stole a diary containing an outline of twenty sermons and eight written sermons.

New York, Dec. 23.—John T. Martin, a lawyer and an appraiser attached to the office of the deputy State controller here, today was legally designated appraiser of the estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

—Mr. J. A. Dew, of Currie, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. C. Keith, of Keith, N. C., was here yesterday on a business trip.

..Theatrical..

Christmas at the Academy of Music is going to be big and glorious. The Academy will offer for the delectation of the people of Wilmington a great vaudeville jubilee, which will strike the fancy of every one. It will be a most acceptable attraction, as vaudeville is all the rage these days and the Academy has selected an exceedingly fine show for tomorrow.

The list includes well known artists and the bill will be as clever as ever presented in a Southern vaudeville theatre, according to the claims of the management. The list of artists who will appear includes the great European novelty stars, the Les Chemroys, who will make their first appearance in the South in this city tomorrow; Ethel Green, the well known soubret, in songs and dances; Hunter and Reeves, singing and talking comedy duo; Leavitt and Lawler, sketch team, and McNamree, in an amusing and highly entertaining clay act. In addition to this swell vaudeville will be offered two reels of feature films and one of these reels will prove particularly festive for the holiday season. It will be "The Newlyweds and Their Baby," being one of the merriest and brightest of all comedy films. A special matinee will be given Christmas afternoon, the doors opening at 2 o'clock, and the performance beginning at 3. The prices throughout the engagement will be of the popular price type—10, 20 and 30 cents.

At the Grand Theatre.

As an extra big, in fact, a really phenomenal Christmas Eve offering, the Grand Theatre, the home of solid comfort, as well as the favorite spot of pure delight otherwise, will offer today James O'Neill, the famous actor, in his original production of "Monte Cristo," known throughout the country. There will be five reels of this tremendous film and O'Neill will appear before the audience just like he has for thousands of nights in the play. His support will be the same as gained him fame in the great cities of the country, while the scenery will be most elaborate and brilliant. The story of "Monte Cristo" is too well known to need repeating and whenever the book, or play is mentioned the name of O'Neill is invariably thought of.

It is an event which the Grand feels justly proud of and due to the extra heavy cost the admission will be 10 cents for today only. But at that amusement lovers will be getting a chance to see the production at less than is usually charged in some of the biggest theatres and will see the same dramatic production that demands $2 per seat in the largest theatres.

It is a safe bet that the Grand will do capacity business today, offering, too, an especially attractive spot for visitors, affording them an opportunity of seeing the noted actor, O'Neill.

The Grand will follow today's bill with a whopping big Christmas offering, and will serve it up in most festive manner.

Big Days at Bijou.

Two big days these at the popular Bijou. Christmas Eve and Christmas are going to bring forth two of the greatest shows Wilmington amusement lovers have ever had the pleasure of beholding in "movies"; two shows the equal of any found anywhere and for the smallest price of admission, for although today and tomorrow will be marked not only by special feature films at the Bijou and additional features in other ways, the price of admission will not be advanced. The Bijou has donned its Christmas raiment, appearing most gala in bright decorations, and a royal spirit of Christmastide hovers over the entire handsome and decidedly comfortable spot.

The Bijou was thronged yesterday in spite of the inclement weather, and visitors gladly accepted the chance to see one of the best of all shows. Today, Christmas Eve, bids fair to also be a hummer. In honor of the day the Bijou will present one of the biggest and best of all Warner features, "The Auto Bandits of New York." It is a gripping, sensational story in three parts. It deals with a live theme of the times and brings into play New York's nottorious auto bandits and gunmen.

In addition to this superb Warner feature there will also be another big feature film, in the Majestic's "The Scenario Writer." It is a hummer for laughs and will be keenly relished by all. The Bijou's new and costly piano is adding much to the pleasure of the crowds these days.

PICTURE SHOW RAIDED.

Showed White Slave Picture Which Was Forbidden.

New York, Dec. 23.—Showing the white slave film which last Friday caused Harry W. Newburger, deputy police commissioner to close a Broadway theatre precipitated a raid tonight on another theatre further down Broadway. Action against the management of the theatre was taken on a warrant issued by Police Magistrate Murphy. Giving a public exhibition of an immoral moving picture is the charge.

Commissioner Newburger entered the theatre with five detectives and arrested four men and women connected with the management. The audience clamored for a refund of admission but it was announced this could not be made because the sanction of those under arrest would have to be secured. More than 300 of the spectators threatened to make trouble and they were still crowding the lobby of the house at a late hour. Policemen were stationed nearby.

MAY CALL WALKOUT.

Telegraphers on 'Frisco System Vote to Strike at Once.

Springfield Mo., December 23.—A count of nine-tenths of the ballots cast by telegraphers of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad on a proposition to strike because of the refusal of the receivers of the railroad to grant an increased wage and an eight hour day, shows 98 per cent. of the men voted in favor of a walkout, according to a statement today by J. A. Newman, of Chicago, vice president of the International Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

If a strike should be called 1,200 men including station agents, dispatchers and telegraph operators all over the 'Frisco system would be affected.

It was announced the union has a fund of $400,000 to be used in maintaining families of idle men and keeping their children in school.

DIED.

SCHLOSS—At his home in this city Monday, December 22nd, 1913, at 10:30 P. M., SIMEON ARCHIBALD SCHLOSS, in the 49th year of his age. Funeral this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from family residence, No. 214 North Fourth street; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances of the family respectfully invited to attend.

(advertisement.)

METAL OF THE STANDARDS

Scientists After Long Research Seem to Have Evolved Almost Perfect Alloy for the Purpose.

There are, undoubtedly, no products of human skill on which a greater degree of care is expended than the standards of weight and measure in use among the civilized nations. Two things in particular must be considered—accuracy and durability. Nature does not, it is contended, furnish any single metal or mineral which exactly answers the requirements for a standard of measure or weight that shall be as nearly as possible unalterable.

It is held that the best substance yet produced for this purpose is an alloy of 90 per cent. of platinum with 10 per cent. of iridium. This is called iridioplatinum; and it is the substance of which the metric standards prepared by the international commission of weights and measures are composed.

It is hard, it is less affected by heat than any pure metal, it is practically non-oxidizable, or not subject to rust, and it can be finely engraved. In fact, the lines on the standard meters are hardly visible to the naked eye, yet they are smooth, even, sharp and accurate.

It is said that if our civilization should ever be lost and relics of it should be discovered in some brighter age in the remote future there is nothing which would bear higher testimony to its character than these standard measures of iridioplatinum. —Harper's Weekly.

MOST CORRUPT IN THE WORLD

Russian Police, From Chief to Merest Messenger, Are Declared to Live on Bribes.

"The Russian police," declares an Englishman who has spent much of his life in the land of the Czar, "are the most corrupt in the world. There is a definite tariff on thieves over there; pickpockets are practically licensed. The police go regularly to entertainments where crowds congregate to receive their premium from the thieves. Practically every police official from the chief down to merest messenger is bribed. They not only graft upon the thieves, but from fallen women as well. The government is helpless to deal with the situation and it is allowed to go on unchecked.

"You see, the government officials know that if they attempt to interfere they would be killed. If the Czar tried to bring about any reform he would be assassinated by the police and their agents. The officials know that it would bring down the entire governmental structure about their ears, so they let the grafting go along unmolested. It is like that all over the empire, a veritable cancer. Bad as the police graft in America is, it is nothing in comparison to Russia. The empire is honeycombed with it.

"Almost everything can be done in Russia with bribes and the same thing has been going on for centuries. Even in the middle ages the peasants lived under a system of graft similar to that of today."

Remark Attributed to Many.

If Messrs. Wesley, Bunyan, Baxter, Newton or any one of them said: "There, but for the grace of God, goes . . ." they must each plead guilty to plagiarism if the "Dictionary of National Biography" be deemed an authority. It attributes the remark to John Bradford, who was born at Manchester, England, about 1510; was chaplain to Edward VI., and was in Mary's reign condemned to the flames and suffered at Smithfield July 1, 1555. The authority cited says that Bradford seeing a criminal driven by on his way to be executed exclaimed: "There, but for the grace of God, goes John Bradford." It further intimates that Bradford's early career was such that the remark was not inappropriate, a statement well sustained by other authority.

Seals Cut Steps in Ice Cakes.

How seals cut steps in the perpendicular sides of ice cakes in order to rise from the water for the purpose of breathing has been recorded by members of Captain Scott's ant-arctic expedition.

It was discovered that the seals, which formerly were supposed to leave the water by leaping, actually cut steps in the slippery surface with the great canine or eye teeth. As soon as the teeth are placed in position, the head is moved rapidly from side to side until the ice has been cut away sufficiently to afford a footing for the front flippers of the animal.

Each step has to be laboriously cut after this fashion until the body is far enough out of the water to be thrust up the rest of the way by a kick of the hind flippers.

It Did Not Matter.

They were on their honeymoon, and were spending it amidst the mountains of Switzerland. Nearly every day they attempted to climb to a fresh height.

Flushed with triumph and with excessive heat, parched and scant of breath, they had at last gained the summit of a lofty peak. Then they paused.

"There!" exclaimed the wife when she had finished panting. "We have tramped all this distance to admire this beautiful view and we've forgotten the glasses!"

"Never mind, darling," replied the husband, taking a small flask out of his pocket. "There's no one about. We can drink just as well out of the bottle!"

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. D. D. Lennon left yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his father in Robeson county.

—Esquire J. H. Maxwell, of Whiteville, formerly traveling representative of The Star, was in the city yesterday on his way to Magnolia, N. C., where he will spend Christmas with his sister and visiting the scenes of his young manhood in Sampson county.



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COTTON MARKETS RECOVERS

Part of Recent Losses During Session Yesterday—Business Was Less Active.

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market recovered part of its recent loss during today's trading and closed very steady at a net advance of 13 to 22 points. Business was less active. There was some further scattering liquidation, but the selling for long account was by no means so urgent as on Monday. A fair demand from shorts and trade interests was in evidence, accompanied by more or less talk of a reaction, based on an idea that liquidation had about run its course, and that technical conditions entitled prices to a rally after a break of over two cents a pound. Cables were again better than due, and the local market opened firm, 11 to 14 points up on covering, a renewal of straddle buying and some decand from trade sources. Private cables reported Liverpool showing more confidence at the 6½d level, while the talk here also suggested rather a more favorable view of the market, although there were more predictions of a rally than of any permanent advance.

Buying became less active, after the close of Liverpool had shut out the active arbitrage business, but the selling movement tapered at about the same time. After slight recessions the market again firmed up on reports of firm interior spot holders.

The best prices of the day were reached in the late trading, with March contracts selling at 12.23, comparing with 11.99, the low point of yesterday. Leading spot interests appeared to have a number of buying orders around the ring at the close, and as these operators are supposed to be undering a large straddle account between New York and Liverpool, it was predicted that the late purchases here would be followed by selling in the English market tomorrow morning. One of the private cables received from Liverpool today said there had been some improvement in trade in Manchester, and claimed that some early hedge selling there had been absorbed by continental buying.

Southern spot markets ranged from ¼c. higher to ¼c. lower, being generally unchanged, and local spot men say that the interior has responded so little to the decline in futures so far that the basis on some grades is nearly double what it was when the break started.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.00; do. gulf, 12.85; no sales.

Futures closed:

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.08	12.16	12.08	12.16
Jan	11.88	11.98	11.86	11.99
Feb	11.88	.....	.....	11.05
Mar	12.12	12.23	12.13	12.23
Apr	.....	.....	.....	12.20
May	12.14	12.19	12.09	12.19
June	12.12	12.12	12.12	12.20
July	12.12	12.20	12.10	12.20
Aug	11.94	11.94	11.93	12.00
Sept	.....	.....	.....	11.79
Oct	11.52	11.59	11.52	11.60

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 26,179; gross receipts, 26,179; sales, 50; stock, 230,120; coastwise, 52.

New Orleans—Quiet, 12 9-16; net receipts, 19,936; gross receipts, 19,936; sales, 20,014; stock, 278,006; coastwise, 1,567.

Mobile—Steady, 12 7-16; net receipts, 2,141; gross receipts, 2,141; sales, 100; stock, 55,995; continent, 4,549; coastwise, 451.

Savannah—Steady, 12⅜; net receipts, 9,541; gross receipts, 9,541; sales, 3,914; stock, 159,812; coastwise, 2,170.

Charleston—Quiet, 12⅜; net receipts, 800; gross receipts, 800; stock, 69,403; coastwise, 240.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 2,863; gross receipts, 2,863; stock, 39,833.

Norfolk—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 5,390; gross receipts, 5,390; sales, 1,463; stock, 63,056; constwise, 2,791.

Baltimore—Nominal, 12⅝; gross receipts, 2,000; stock, 8,092.

New York—Quiet, 12.60; net receipts, 135; gross receipts, 14,452; sales, 400; stock, 76,719; coastwise, 7,427.

Boston—Quiet, 12.60; net receipts, 20; gross receipts, 1,304; stock, 11,212; Great Britain, 3,295; continent, 300.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.85; stock, 2,943; Great Britain, 343.

Texas City—Net receipts, 3,428; gross receipts, 3,428; stock, 32,540.

Brunswick—Stock, 20,833.

Jacksonville—Stock 2,645.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 2,279.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 70,433; Great Britain, 3,638; continent, 4,849; stock, 1,053,505.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 189,077; Great Britain, 38,130; France, 8,500; continent, 82,997; Japan, 9,831; Mexico, 134.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,487,197; Great Britain, 1,731,086; France, 728,310; continent, 2,172,965; Japan, 191,059; Mexico, 19,034.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12⅜; net receipts, 9,443; gross receipts, 9,443; shipments, 8,855; sales, 1,379; stock, 172,690.

Augusta—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 2,574; gross receipts, 2,780; shipments, 1,251; sales, 594; stock, 89,816.

Memphis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 4,792; gross receipts, 6,194; shipments, 5,005; sales, 2,200; stock, 253,947.

St. Louis—Dull, 13.00; net receipts, 833; gross receipts, 3,434; shipments, 2,601; sales, 208; stock, 25,768.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,066; gross receipts, 1,066; shipments, 953; stock, 19,183.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,557; gross receipts, 1,557; shipments, 1,813; stock, 55,254.

Total today—Net receipts, 20,235; gross receipts, 24,513; shipments, 20,476; sales, 4,381; stock, 616,701.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Spot, good business done; prices, steady; middling fair, 7.47; good middling, 7.13; middling, 6.91; low middling, 6.67; good ordinary, 6.01; ordinary, 567.

Sales, 12,000 bales, including 11,500 American and 500 for speculation nad export.

Receipts, 61,000, including 47,500 American.

Futures closed very steady. December, 6.63; December-January, 6.63; January-February, 6.64; February-March, 6.66; March-April, 6.68; April-May, 6.67½; May-June, 6.67; June-July, 6.64½; July-August, 6.61½; August-September, 6.51½; September-October, 6.33½; October-November, 6.24½; November-December, 6.21; December-January, 6.19½; January-February, 6.19½.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Call money, firm, at 3@3½; ruling rate, 3½; closing, 3½@3½. Time loans, steady; sixty days, 5@5½; ninety days, 5; six months, 4¾@5; mercantile paper, 5¾@6 per cent. Sterling exchange, steady; sixty days, 4.8125; demand, 4.8330; commercial bills, 4.80½; bar silver, 57½; Mexican dollars, 44½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Cotton goods and yarns markets ruled quiet today, with prices easier. Men's wear for spot delivery was dull and Spring orders were very moderate. Silk and wool poplins are in demand for future deliveries. Jobbers report a seasonably quiet business.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE CASE.

Director Resigned Because Finances Were Being Wasted.

New York, Dec. 23.—James Dunlop Smith discovered that the assets of the Radio Wireless Telephone Co., were being wasted, so he resigned from the directorate of the fiscal agency that controlled the company's financial affairs, he testified today in Federal court, where he is on trial with Lee DeForest, Elmer E. Burlingame and Samuel E. Darby, charged with misusing the mails to promote radio stock sales.

Smith mentioned, as an instance of campany extravagance, the building of a wireless telephone tower at Albany. He testified he had opposed mentioning government contracts in literature issued by the company.

The trial was adjourned today until Monday.

You can find many useful articles for Christmas presents at C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

WHEAT PRICES REDUCED

Widening of Snow Area in the Winter Crop Belt Was a Handicap to Bull Side of Market.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Widening of the snow area in the Winter crop belt was a handicap today, that the wheat bulls could not overcome. Closing prices, though firm, were ¼@¼ to ⅜ under last night. Corn finished ⅛@¼ to ⅝c. up, oats varying from ⅛ off to a shade advance and provisions irregular, strung out from 10c. decline to a rise of 5c.

Futures closed:

Wheat—May, 90⅜; July, 87⅝.

Corn—December, 69⅝; May, 69½.

Oats—May, 41½; July, 41.

Pork—January, 20.45; May, 20.87½.

Lard—January, 10.65; May, 11.00.

Ribs—January, 10.77½; May, 11.07½.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 94½@95¼; No. 2 hard, 88⅛@88; No. 2, Northern, 89@90; No. 2, Spring, 89@90.

Corn—New, No. 2, yellow, 69¾; No. 2, white, 65@66.

Oats—No. 2, 40; No. 2, white, 43; standard, 40¼@41.

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Heide & Co.

Str. Joachim Zelch, 1,311 tons, Wels, Heide & Co.

Str. Lingfield (Br.), 2,914 tons, Hunt; Heide & Co.

Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Joel Cook, 319 tons, Ray, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Benjamin F. Poole, 1,099 tons, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Louis F., 237 tons, Albury, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Blanche H. King, 1,021 tons, Williams; Mafflitt & Wood.

Barges.

Barge Mattie L. Johnson, 574 tons, Johnson, Mafflitt & Wood.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 41¼ cents per gallon.

ROSIN—Steady, $3.45.

TAR — Firm, at $2.50 per barrel; in casks, 11c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 per barrel for dip, and $3.00 per barrel for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 37¾c; rosin, $5.30; tar, $2.20; crude turpentine, firm, at $3.25@$4.25 to $4.25.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	10
Rosin	14
Tar	13
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, 42 casks; rosin, 12 barrels; tar, 11 barrels; crude turpentine, 42 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal.

Receipts, 2,863. Same day last year, 1,524 bales.

Total receipts, since Sept. 1, 321,461 bales. Total receipts same time last year, 267,860 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

CORN—$1.00 to $1.05 per sack.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, $1.00 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 70c. Very dull.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.

BEEF—Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to 8c.

PORK—Small, 9@11c.

WOOL—Burry, 11 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Old hams, 25c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm, 4½@5c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@35c. per head.

EGGS—30c. per doz.; good demand.

TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,600 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—939 bales cotton.

Clyde Line—234 bales cotton.

River—90 bales cotton.

Schr. Annie B—17 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,863 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar; 17 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Market—Weaker on Virginias. Stronger on Spanish and North Carolinas.

North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 1.05.

Spanish—No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15.

Virginias—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 66c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.20 per bushel.

Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3½c per lb. Extra Prime, 3¼c per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 3c per lb.

NATIONAL BANKS READILY ACCEPT NEW SYSTEM.

Scores of Informal Applications Already Received in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 22.—What Treasury officials regarded as an indication of how financial circles will receive the new Federal currency system came today from Boston in a message to Secretary McAdoo from the National Shawmut Bank, one of the largest institutions in New England. The message declared that the executive committee of the bank had voted unanimously to advise its directors to accept the new law and enter the system.

Receipt at the Treasury of scores of informal applications from all parts of the country has led Mr. McAdoo to believe there can be no question now that a large proportion of the national banks intend to come into the system. There are about 7,500 National banks in the United States and not more than a few hundred have wired their intention to apply for membership in the Federal system, but a rush of applications is expected as soon as the bill is signed by President Wilson.

Many of the banks realizing that they cannot get in the first application and not caring particularly about the relative position they may obtain, are understood to be awaiting the signing of the bill.

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STOCK ADVANCE CHECKED

The Advance Which Started Late Last Week Checked and Prices Drop a Little.

New York, Dec. 23.—The advance in stocks which began late last week was checked today. After a further rise, early in the session, led by Reading, Southern Pacific and Amalgamated, the market developed a yielding tendency which eventually carried back the popular stocks to yesterday's close or below. New York Central, B. and O., Missouri Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Western Union showed heaviness. Missouri Pacific dropped to 21¼, a new low mark.

Sentiment was hopeful. Developments at Washington, in connection with Currency legislation and the handling of the trust question made a definite improvement in feeling after a long period of pessimism. The pause in the market today was due largely to realizing. The market was freed from pressure recently felt from abroad. A better feeling existed at London, and there was a fair demand from abroad for the metal stocks.

Declaration of an initial dividend of two per cent. on Central Leather had little effect, having been discounted in the recent advance of the stock.

Dealings in bonds expanded, but the movements were uncertain. Total sales, par value, $2,500,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks, 396,900, including: Amalgamated Copper, 3,000; American Tobacco, 100; L. and O., 1,400; Lehigh Valley, 5,000; L. and N., 100; N. and W., 500; Reading, 61,300; S. A. L., 300; do. pfd., 600; Southern Railway, 2,600; do. pfd., 200; Tennessee Copper, 700; Union Pacific, 32,700; United States Steel, 48,300; V. C. C., 100.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	72½
American Agricultural	44⅝
American Beet Sugar	23¼
American Can	29⅝
American Can, pfd	89¼
American Car and Foundry	44½
American Cotton Oil	37⅝
American Ice Securities	23⅜
American Linseed	10¼
American Locomotive	30
Amer. Smelting and Ref	63⅛
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	88½
American Sugar Ref	105½
American Tel. and Tel	122½
American Tobacco	245
Anaconda Mining Co	35
Atchison	93⅞
Atchison, pfd	98¼
Atlantic Coast Line	116½
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅛
Bethlehem Steel	30
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87⅞
Canadian Pacific ex. rghts	210¼
Central Leather	26½
Chesapeake and Ohio	58½
Chicago Great Western	17⅛
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100¼
Chicago and North Western	135½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	28
Consolidated Gas	130½
Corn Products	9½
Delaware and Hudson	150
Denver and Rio Grande	16½
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	45¼
Distillers' Securities	18⅜
Erie	28⅛
Erie, 1st pfd	44⅛
Erie, 2nd pfd	35¼
General Electric	140
Great Northern, pfd	126⅜
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	34
Illinois Central	106½
Interborough-Met	15
Interborough-Met., pfd	60⅝
Inter Harvester	103⅝
Inter-Marine, pfd	13½
International Paper	8½
International Pump	5
Kansas City Southern	24
Laclede Gas	93
Lehigh Valley	153½
Louisville and Nashville	134
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	125
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	20
Missouri Pacific	22
National Biscuit	125
National Lead	44
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	10¼
New York Central	92⅝
New York, Ont. and Western	26¼
Norfolk and Western	103¾
North American	67
Northern Pacific	108⅞
Pacific Mail	24¼
Pennsylvania	109
People's Gas	120½
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	84
Pittsburg Coal	19⅝
Pressed Steel Car	26
Pullman Palace Car	151½
Reading	166¼
Republic Iron and Steel	19⅝
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	81
Rock Island Co	13¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	20
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	6⅜
Seaboard Air Line	16⅝
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	26
Southern Pacific	89¼
Southern Railway	22¾
Southern Railway, pfd	76
Tennessee Copper	30⅜
Texas and Pacific	19
Union Pacific	154⅞
Union Pacific, pfd	83⅝
United States Realty	53
United States Rubber	57⅞
United States Steel	58⅝
United States Steel, pfd	105¾
Utah Copper	48⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	27⅜
Wabash	2⅜
Wabash, pfd	7⅜
Western Maryland	34½
Western Union	56
Westinghouse Electric	65
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4⅝
New Haven	72
L. and M	217
L. and M., pfd	110⅜
Lorillard	162
Lorillard, pfd	110

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Easy; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 98¾.

Corn—Steady, 74¼.

Flour—Slow.

Leather—Firm.

Hides—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

Rosin—Quiet.

Turpentine—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, barely steady; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 9½; Santos, No. 4, 12¼; mild, dull; Cordova, 13@16¼.

Potatoes—Steady and unchanged.

Peanuts—Steady and unchanged.

Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.

Freights—Steady. Cotton to Liverpool, 28c.

Cotton Seed Oil—A shade higher today on pre-holiday covering, absence of pressure from crude sources and scattered buying for outside long account. Closing prices were nine points higher on December and 1 to 3 net higher for the balance. Sales, 6,200 barrels. Prime crude, 5.40@5.47; prime Summer yellow, 6.00; December, 6.09; January, 6.75; February, 6.86; March, 6.98; April, 7.07; May, 7.18; June, 7.22; July, 7.27. Prime Winter yellow, 7.00@7.50.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 23.—Turpentine—Quiet. Rosin—Quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—Turpentine, firm, at 42¼. Sales, 483; receipts, 568; shipments, 127; stocks, 20,931.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,465; receipts, 5,886; shipments, 1,073; stocks, 155,128. Quote, A, B, C, D, E, 3.70; F, G, 3.70 to 3.75; H, 3.72½ to 3.75; I, 3.85 to 3.90; K, 4.40 to 4.55; M, 5.25 to 5.35; N, 6.35; W G, 6.75; W W, 7.00.

New York, Dec. 23.—A Christmas gift to the noise-racked people of the city was made by the public service commission today in the form of a notice to all local car companies to equip their brake shoes with a lubricant decise to avoid "schreeching" of the wheels. By March 1, 1915 cars throughout the greater city must have the device attached.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 24, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 58 degrees; at 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, 1.45.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Wednesday; colder on the coast; Thursday, cloudy, probably followed by rain by night; moderate, variable winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 24.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun sets	5:09 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	7:08	7:22	1:35	2:27
Southport	4:50	5:14	11:28	11:53
Masonboro Inlet	4:39	5:03	11:08	11:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 23, 1913.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	56		.0
Asheville	clear	52	38	.28
Atlanta	cloudy	50	44	.18
Augusta	raining	54	48	.22
Birmingham	cloudy	44	42	.38
Boston	raining	44	38	.0
Charleston	cloudy	70	54	.08
Charlotte	raining	46	42	1.02
Chicago	cloudy	40	32	.28
Galveston	cloudy	54	42	.0
Jacksonville	cloudy	76	62	.01
Memphis	cloudy	42	38	.0
Mobile	clear	54	46	.06
Montgomery	clear	50	50	.06
New Orleans	clear	52	44	.0
New York	raining	48	34	.42
Oklahoma	clear	36	26	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	48	32	.0
Pittsburg	cloudy	44	32	.64
Raleigh	cloudy	56	40	1.02
Savannah	cloudy	54	54	.14
Shreveport	cloudy	46	32	.0
St. Louis	cloudy	38	32	.20
Washington	pt cldy	48	34	.60

WILSON MEMORIALIZED.

To Ask Congress for Constitutional Amendment on Liquor.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—President Wilson was memorialized today to ask Congress to submit a constitutional amendment looking to the abolition of the liquor traffic in the country at large. The memorial, signed by a special committeee of twenty-five named at the Anti-Saloon League Demonstration on the steps of the capitol in Washington on December 10th, was an outgrowth of the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America and other temperance forces, held in Columbus, November 10th-14th.

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COASTWISE SHIPS FREE

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asserted that they would not consent to violate a treaty and that if it really was a violation of a treaty, they would not insist upon the exemption.

"Then a leading exponent on the floor of the House suggested that the exception be made and if England objected, that a case be made for determination at The Hogue. Since that exemption was made that gentleman and others of his associates object to arbitration at all.

"This resolution proposes two things. First, an experimental test to demonstrate whether or not the tolls will pay the expenses of operating the canal exclusively of the tolls of the coastwise trade, and the other is to opportunity to adjust all questions of diplomacy touching the tolls. Assuming that the advocates of exemption were sincere in their contention on these two propositions, it should not prove embarrassing to them at all, nor be regarded as any abandonment of their position to pass this resolution to test the correctness of the two contentions in the two propositions."

CONSTITUTION OF PEACE

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everybody had gone, he cleared up his desk and sat thoughtfully for a minute. Presently he walked to the corridor outside of his office.

"Where's Pat?" he inquired, and the individual addressed—Patrick McKenna, veteran doorkeeper—stepped forward, blushing with surprise as the President seldom comes out in the corridors. The doorkeeper looked up inquiringly.

"Merry Christmas, Pat," said the President, and then walked slowly to the White House to arrange for his trip tonight to Pass Chrisitan, Miss.

Clark Issues Statement.

Speaker Clark, after the signing of the currency bill tonight by the President, issued a statement as follows:

"Most assuredly the country is to be congratulated on the fact that at last the currency bill is upon the statute books; for in such matters of great pith and moment, it is the uncertainty that hurts—even where a bill might be the sum total of human wisdom on any particular subject. Now, all men of intelligence will know very soon what the currency bill contains and what it means and can conduct their affairs accordingly.

"My own judgment is that it will be satisfactory to the country in a high degree; at least I hope so. The fact that a large number of Republicans and Progressives voted for our bill is proof positive that the country is well pleased with the bill.

"So many of them so voted that it may not improperly be denominated 'a non-partisan currency law.' We certainly have ample cause for self-congratulation that in nine months we have passed a bill revising all the tariff schedules and a bill thoroughly revising and overhauling our currency system.

"Our two bills are excellent samples of constructive legislation. The tariff bill is working well and now that the uncertainty as to the currency bill is removed, I hope and believe that the country is entering upon a long period of prosperity."

More Work Ahead.

Organization of the new banking system will be undertaken immediately by Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury, and Secretary Houston, of Agriculture, two of the three members of the committee charged with the task by the law. The comptroller of the curency is named as the third member, but this office is now vacant and cannot be filled until the President sends a nomination to the Senate upon his return to Washington after the holidays. It is agreed in official circles, however, that a majority is authorized to act, so the two cabinet officers are preparing to proceed without waiting for a full committee.

Treasury department authorities decided that the deputy controller temporarily in charge of the office could not serve on the organization committee because this duty would be in the ex-officio class.

THRIVED ON THE SMOKY AIR

English Railroad Man Who Had Long Worked Underground, Declares It Restored His Health.

The immunity of smokers from many infectious diseases has long been known to medical men. And smoke of many kinds has been used successfully in the treatment of troubles of the throat and chest. But ordinary coal smoke has never been looked upon as anything but a bad thing to breathe. Yet remarkable testimony to its value has just been given by a man who has been breathing it all day for 49 years. He is Inspector Thomas Arnold of the South Eastern and London and Chatham railway, England, who has just retired from the service, which he has been in ever since he was fifteen years old, as platelayer, signalman, ticket collector and inspector.

"I don't know what I shall do," he said, "when I have to spend all day out on top. It is a fine, healthy place underground. Give me the smoke and smell; it is good for you. I used to suffer from a chest complaint before I went under, but the smoke soon cured that; it killed the microbes. That is what I used to tell the passengers when I was under at Snowhill station. No, I don't care much for the seaside. I like this work and I am very sorry to leave it. I think I shall have to get some job on top—near an underground station. I cannot understand why some people do not like underground traveling; it's safer, quieter and healthier than among the traffic on top."

Ungrateful.

"Women are an ungrateful lot."

"Anything special?"

"Yes. My wife urged me to go into politics, and ever since I didn't get nominated she has talked about what a lot of new furniture she could have bought with the money I spent."

A big-hearted purchaser of Red Cross Seals in a Southern city recently complained because the seals did not come in sheets larger than 100. He had prepared a Christmas package for his daughter and had conceived the idea that he would wrap it entirely in Christmas Seals. As the present was bulky, the sheets of 100 were not sufficient. He solved his problem, however, by pasting several sheets of seals on a large piece of wrapping paper, in which he enclosed his daughter's gift.

The Gift Season

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

This is the season of gift-giving. Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive. How many will you make happy this year? The highest ambition is to bless and cheer. It is the Christ-spirit and is highly manifested on this—the anniversary of His coming.

Years ago in boyhood how anxious did I look forward to this day. Months and weeks and days of hope—ah, more than that, for right well did I know that the day would bring me joy—even more than I dared expect. Father and mother were planning and I knew it. Just what they would do—I would wonder and dream. So in contemplation of the past and the anticipations of my boyhood days, there comes to me the thought that many boys and girls are doing as I did—looking forward and wondering. Can I make them happy?

It was a busy street the other day. Crowds hurry along, it is cold, and the wind is bitter. The stores are bright and beautiful. Their window displays were attractive and beautiful and told the story of the yule-time. A crowd is about the window of one store—all ages and all conditions of people are in the crowd. They come and go but always a crowd. Did you ever stop and watch the faces of the hurrying crowd? That day I stopped a while and stood close to the window and watched and read hearts—read them through the windows of the faces. With all the coming and hurrying and going, I noticed a little group that did not leave the window—three children, two boys and a girl. The girl was the older, about 12 summers and the boys possibly eight and six. They were shabbily clad, but they were plainly dressed and evidently of good parentage but poor. They stood and looked and looked again. The girl would urge the boys to come, but they would plead for a little more time. I was interested in them. There was such a pleading in those eyes—the eyes of the smaller boy.

Was it wrong? I edged closer and remembered that once upon a time I was a boy. Then I caught the little fellow's eyes as he glanced away for a minute and I smiled. He smiled and I spoke. I asked him if the toys and things were pretty and if he liked to look at them and he quickly told me how he "just loved them." He wanted to talk and his sister tried to stop him, but he just would talk. That little fellow told me how "if mamma hadn't died" they would have had a Christmas. I couldn't help just choking a little—my mother died too.

Wouldn't it be great to have lots of money all the time? You could make so many people happy. It would be such joy. Well—the sister told the boys that they just must go on and then I told them to wait and directly they went on and they carried with them some little remembrances—I felt that I just must give them that joy—did it make me happy? It certainly did, and they were happy, too. As they went away—the little fellow said: "We are having Christmas now!" This is the season when the opportunity is at hand of making the other fellow happy.

Some people have the wrong idea of charity. To them charity is simply a matter of feeding and clothing others. That is a good work to do but it is not all. Charity covers sin—never uncovers it. Here is a life of sorrow and sadness and on account of sin. If there is true charity in my heart I will not bring more pain and suffering in that sin-burdened heart by talking of its unfortunateness. Too much talking of others' sin in this old world anyway. Why cannot men and women show genuine charity towards others? It is not necessary to condone sin or to even countenance it, but why open the wounds made by wrong-doing by telling it to others?

Every week a little friend of mine comes in my office after the "funny paper"—I do not know who originated the idea of the "funny paper" but I do enjoy it myself sometimes. Oh, I know that some goody, goody people do not believe in it, but I can't help that. Did you ever stop to think how many different sorts of folks are needed to make up a big world like this? It would never do for all to be alike. Variety is the spice of life and if you will study the people of your town you will find plenty of "spice." But I almost forgot—the boy after the funny paper. He came as usual one day and before he went away he asked me a question. He wanted to konw if there was a "Santa Claus." I told him "sure, there was!" It seemed to make him happy and he started away and I asked him why he wanted to know. His reply was "So-and-so said there wasn't any Santa Claus and that it was all stuff to talk about such foolishness."

That reminded me of another class of "goody, goodies." Trying to abolish the deceitfulness of the child hood's dream. Sometimes I think that some men who write books and preach sermons must have been born "grown ups." Surely they were never boys and if they were they have forgotten all about it. Away back yonder—when I was a lad—my father and mother told me about Santa Claus and I believed them and was happy. Old Santa came down our chimney and there was no harm done and somehow I do not think that my moral nature was stunted by the childish faith in the good old man from the north pole with his sleigh and reindeer. I am sorry for the man who cannot enjoy the annual visit of the old man with his pack and who must strive to take from the child mind the beautiful and substitute—nothing.

The other day I found an article headed "Mysterious Woman." The title interested me, and I read the story. I suppose a woman wrote it, nad she ought to know, but she certainly said some strange things about woman. Look at this, for instance: "Women are never sincere; they are moral cripples from their birth, most of them from the moment of their conception; later on they are mangled through education, and, finally, through marriage." I want the reader of this to distinctly understand that the above sentence is a quotation, and not my sentiments. Here is another question: "There is everlasting enmity between man and woman. We cover this up because life must be lived, because it is easier and more pleasant." Reading on, here is another statement: "A woman may love her husband better than she loves her own life—but take him fully into her confidence she cannot, if she be a true woman."

There was more of it. I suppose that the woman who wrote thought she knew her sex, and maybe she does, but somehow it does not sound just in accordance with my ideas of womankind. I wish somebody would straighten it out.

MISS BRANCE GIVEN FREEDOM FROM JAIL.

Woman Would Stay in Jail Several Days Longer of Own Accord.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Miss Adelaide Brance, the woman who was with Melvin H. Couch former district attorney of Sullivan county, when he died suddenly Sunday morning in his office, was given her freedom late this afternoon, the authorities having failed to connect her with the death of the man for whom she immured herself for three years.

Though freed now even of the charge of petty larceny on which she was held pending an investigation of the man's death, Miss Brance has asked permission to remain a voluntary prisoner for two or three days. "I cannot face the world now," she said today. "I am sick at heart and sick physically."

Sheriff Kinne will permit the woman to stay long enough to regain her strength. She is destitute and says she has no place to which she might go. Today she expressed the wish to die and be buried beside the dead man.

Miss Brance refuses to give any information as to her relatives saying she does not wish to bring disgrace upon them.

It was learned today that Miss Brance and Couch had quarreled shortly before his death. The woman told Couch she wished to visit an old-time friend over the holidays. To this she said, the lawyer would not listen. He grew excited, and Miss Brance, fearing a scene, finally promised she would remain with him. A few minutes afterwards the aged man fell over on the couch. She ran out to get a physician, but on her return found the lawyer dead. Couch was buried this afternoon.

Late today Miss Brance gave the first hint as to her antecedents.

"I was born in Hardwick, near Cooperstown, N. Y., where my brother now is employed in the postoffice," she said. "My father and mother are dead, but that is all I propose to tell of my facily history. What happened to me before I came to Monticello, 15 years ago I feel concerns nobody."

This village was stunned by the discovery that former District Attorney Melvin H. Couch, a distinguished lawyer and former associate of Alton B. Parker, who was found dead in his office in the Masonic building, had been maintaining a woman in a secret room there for nearly 15 years.

The woman, of whose existence the village had never dreamed, although she had lived in its very center and stealthily moved about its deserted streets at night, is Adelaide M. Brance, 40 years old, a member of an excellent family. She is held in the county jail, a strange and pathetic figure, pending a report to the court on the death of the lawyer.

Clad in garments that were frayed and tattered, and with her hair straggling over her wildly staring eyes, she was found in a room in the rear of the lawyer's office, while on a sofa in his consulting room lay his body.

In a handsome house in another part of the village were Couch's wife and 23-year-old daughter, neither of whom ever dreamed of that part of the distinguished lawyer's life that was concealed by the door of the scret room. The lawyer's body was removed to the Couch residence after an autopsy performed by the coroner's physician to determine the cause of death.

The autopsy showed that Couch had died of a rupture of the aorta, the great blood vessel leading up from the heart, and Sheriff Kinnie, who had Couch's strange woman companion in charge, announced that there was nothing suspicious about the lawyer's death. The end had come suddenly, with only the woman of the secret room to minister to him.

"She is a lady," was the way the sheriff described the strange woman today. "She is educated and refined, in spite of the daze she is in after being hidden all these years.

"Some people say they have sen a strange woman on the street at night sometimes, but no one ever knew she was there in that office, though a good many people have consulted with Mr. Couch there.

"The woman is held merely on a technical charge of petty larceny, she having admitted taking $3 out of Couch's pocket. She will be arraigned today before Judge Niven, when the result of the autopsy will be held before the court."

Couch's wife had often visited him in his office and talked to him within a few feet of where the other woman lay hiding behind the mysterious door which Couch would never permit anyone to open. There were many other offices in the building, but none of their occupants ever guessed Couch's secret.

Led Double Life.

The story is as weird as any of the tales of Poe. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll's other self, had no more tragic end than that of Couch. They found him huddled in a heap on the sofa in the room in which he had received so many clients. A few steps away was the forbidden door. Word was at once sent to Mrs. Couch, who hurried with all speed from her home. The lawyer had often slept in his office, saying that he was troubled with insomnia and could only sleep there.

The wife found the undertaker and several officials about the figure on the couch. The first shock over, Mrs. Couch looked about the office, and her eye lighted on the door in the rear. She asked that it be opened. The undertaker tried it. It was locked. He got upon a chair and peered over the small transom. In a corner of the room crouched a terrified woman peeing up at him through her tangled hair.

"Don't break down the door," she whispered, "Don't hurt me. I'll come out."

Astounded, the officials forced the door and led out the woman.

"Who are you?" they demanded.

"I am Adelaide M. Brance," she answered, then broke down, weeping wildly and saying that she had come out of the secret room at 6 o'clock in the morning and found Mr. Couch dead on the lounge, where he often slept. Mrs. Couch fainted and was removed to her home. The woman was led away to be cared for at the jail.

"You would have laughed to see the fellows look at me when I went back to work after being away five months," said a rugged and healthy-looking boy after his first day back in the factory. Undersized, a victim of tuberculosis, pinched and thin, with a bloodless skin and apparently half dead when he quit work, there was little wonder that few knew him when he reappeared 23 1-2 pounds heavier and some inches taller, with a healthy coolr in his face. During his absence he had been at the tuberculosis sanatorium. The company paid half of his expenses and Red Cross Seals has provided for the rest. Was it worth while?

New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Delano, former president of the Wabash, was today elected president of the Chicago Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company known as the "Monon," to succeed Fairfax Harrison who was recently elected president of the Southern Railway Company.

MANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Banks All Over Country Apply for Membership in New System.

Washington, Dec. 23—Banks in several of the large cities of the country today telegraphed Secretary McAdoo applications for membership in the new Federal banking system. Two National banks in New York, the first from that city, applied, and St. Louis, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle, Philadelphia, all came along with one or more applications.

Three trust companies, one in St. Louis, one in Baltimore, and Washington applied. The clearing house associations of Atlanta and Kansas City, Mo., expressed approval of the law and their intention to recommend to member banks the desirability of entering the new system. George M. Reynolds, of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, of Chicago, telegraphed that he expected to recommend to shareholders entrance to the system.

Among other cities which sent applications were Norfolk, Va.; Spartanburg, S. C., and Richmond, Va. Priority of filing application is counted in admitting banks to membership the honor of being first will go to the Lynchburg National Bank, of Lynchburg, Va. Lynchburg is the home city of Chairman Glass, of the House Banking and Currency committee.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bijou—Motion Pictures.
Grand Theatre—Motion Pictures.
American National Bank—Save for Christmas.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Pony.
Wanted—Rooms.
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J. D. Padgett—Cut Flowers.
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NOTICE—All persons are prohibited by law from hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Noble lands, in East Wilmington. de24-1t

IF YOU WANT cut flowers and floral designs for Christmas, 'phone 764-W, or 150. Everglade Cafe. J. D. Padgett. de24-1t

WANTED—Two business ladies desire two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, or room and board, near down town. Address "X," care Star. de24-1t*

LOST—Black and white setter dog, about nine months old. Short rope attached to leather strap collar. Reward for return to 911 N. Fourth street. de24-1t*

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WANTED—A pony to drive as match. Must be in good condition and weigh about 650. Write "T. C. E.," care Star. de24-1t

DRESSED GOOSE, dressed chickens and dressed turkeys. Very best of beef, veal and lamb. Fresh and corned pork hams. Very best celery and lettuce in city. Fancy grape fruit and Florida oranges. We'll appreciate your business. Palace Market, 108 So. Front street, 'phone 72. de24-tf

DRESSED TURKEYS any size, and just the size chicken you are looking for on foot. 'Phone 1938, L. T. New. de24-1t

COUNTRY EGGS, 30c.; sugar, 20 lbs. for a dollar; table butter, 3 lbs. for a dollar; corn, 12 cans for a dollar; salmon, 12 cans for a dollar. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de24-1t

ORANGES, ORANGES, ORANGES, $1.15 a hundred. This is a nice, medium size California sweet orange, delivered anywhere in city at $1.15 per hundred. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de24-1t

FRUITS, FRUITS—Fancy fruit and fancy fruit baskets must go. Mixed nuts, 2 pounds for 25 cents. Crystal Palace Confectionery, 115 Market. de24-1t*

MECHANICS' HOME Association. Old and strong, opens new series Building and Loan stock, Jan. 3rd, 1914. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de23-5t

POSITION WANTED—Young man with seven years' experience in hardware business, desires position January 1st. References guaranteed satisfactory. Address "D. H. C.," care Star office. de23-3t

WE HAVE EVERYTHING in the line of groceries and table luxuries. Will appreciate your orders. Prompt delivery. 'Phone No. 1322. B. May's Delicatessen. de23-2t

FOR RENT—One nicely furnished bed room for gentleman only. Good location; car line; all modern conveniences; hot and cold water; steam heat, moderate rental. Apply 709 Princess street. de23-3t

NOTICE—If party who found diamond brooch last week will return same, a reward will be given and no questions asked. If not returned promptly, legal proceedings may be started, as finder's name is known. H. Mack Godwin, Special Officer. de23-3t

CHEAP LUMBER — We have for quick sale for cash 300,000 feet common dressed sheathing at $11.00 per thousand feet, delivered in quantities of 500 feet up, to any part of the city. Sunset Park, Carolina Heights or Winoca Terrace. Chadbourn Lumber Co.; 'Phone 677. de21-6t

WANTED — Stenographic position by young lady of several years experience. Address P. O. Box 755. de21-3t

A FEW LEFT—Carrington's selection of Christmas cards, tags, letters, folders, etc., at Gordon Bros'. News Stand, 17 Princess street. de21-3t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Young ladies preferred. 310 Grace street. de21-3t*

SPECIAL TODAY—Grape Fruit, 5c. each; tangerines, 20c. a dozen; oranges, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c. a dozen. E. F. Noe. 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOX RIVER BUTTER, 3 lbs. for $1.00; Monogram flour, 35c. bag; lard, 12 and 15 cents. E. F. Noe; 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOR SALE — One of the best grocery stands in Wilmington. Possession at once or after January 1st. Reason for selling, other business. Kure Bros., 4th and Nun streets. de21-tf

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FOR XMAS PRESENTS see Uncle Charles. A full line of high grade jewelry, comprising diamonds, watches, bracelets, mesh bags, cuff links, etc. Our prices are right. 16 So. Front street; 'phone 642. de19-tf

ANY KIND OF WOOD you want. Nice heater oak, $1.50 per load; dry pine, $1.25 per load. Prompt delivery. 'Phone 1211-J. L. T. Allen, Prop. de18-6t

BOOKS MAKE the best of Christmas gifts. I have 72 late publications (all since 1911), embracing biographical, historical, poetical and fiction works. All first edition, cloth bound, cost from $1 to $2.25 each. Some of them have been read once. The entire set for $35, if sold this week. Address "Bookworm," care Star. de19-2t*

WANTED — Second-hand upright piano of standard make, in good condition. State lowest cash price. Address "Piano," care Star. de20-6t

SOMETHING NEW — Rugs and art squares made from old carpets. Will be here for a short time. 'Phone 1619-J. S. A. Evans. de18-6t*

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FOR SALE—One perfectly sound horse. Or will exchange for larger horse. Also want to buy a good cheap buggy. Chas. C. Hopkins, 18 South Front street. no26-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Electric lights and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Rates to regular and table boarders. A. M. Gilbert, Prop. no6-tf

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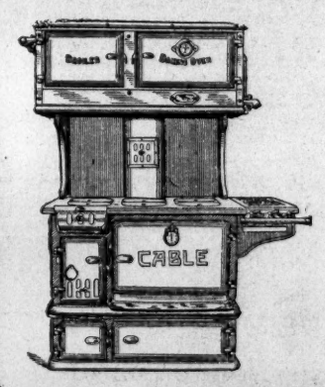
Mechanical Typesetting

Seventy-one years ago type was set by machine. December 17th, 1842, James Young, of London, set type for his paper, The Family Herald, with a type-composing machine. It was a crude affair and was scoffed at by the typesetters of that day. In spite of ridicule, Young kept on and others took up the idea. The present methods of rapid machine typesetting tell the story of success.

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